



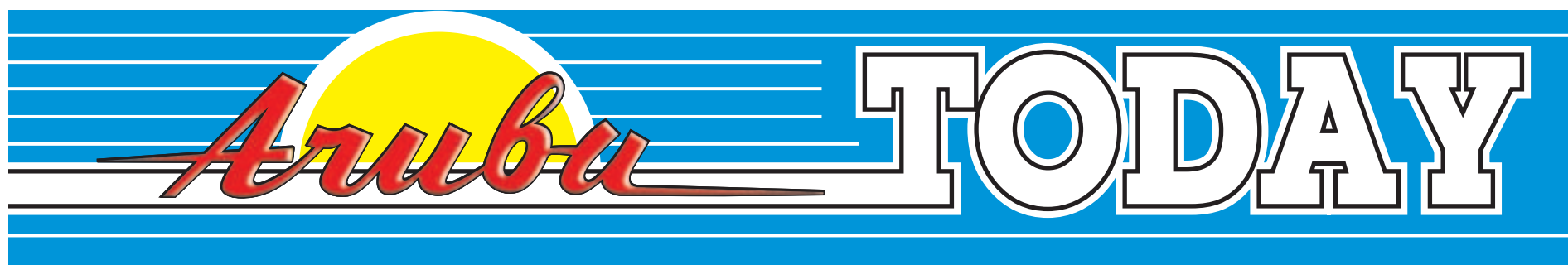
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President Barack Obama speaks about energy at a Walmart in Mountain View, Calif., Friday, May 9, 2014. Obama announced new steps by companies, local governments and his own administration to deploy solar technology, showcasing steps to combat climate change that don't require consent from a disinclined Congress. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Obama Touts Solar Power at Wal-Mart

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Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California
(AP) — President Barack Obama announced new steps Friday by companies, local governments and his own administration to deploy solar technology,

showcasing steps to combat climate change that don't require consent from a disinclined Congress. Obama said more than 300 companies and state and local governments have pledged to use solar energy.

It's a good move for the country, he said, adding that solar energy is cheaper and easier to use than ever before. "The commitments we're announcing today prove that there are cost-effective ways to tackle climate

change and create jobs at the same time," Obama said at a sprawling Wal-Mart store in Mountain View, California, where Obama was wrapping up a three-day swing through the state. Tweaking opponents of

his energy policies in Congress, Obama lamented that lawmakers have "not always been as visionary on these issues as we would like."

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Putin hails 'return' of Crimea; Ukraine fighting kills 7

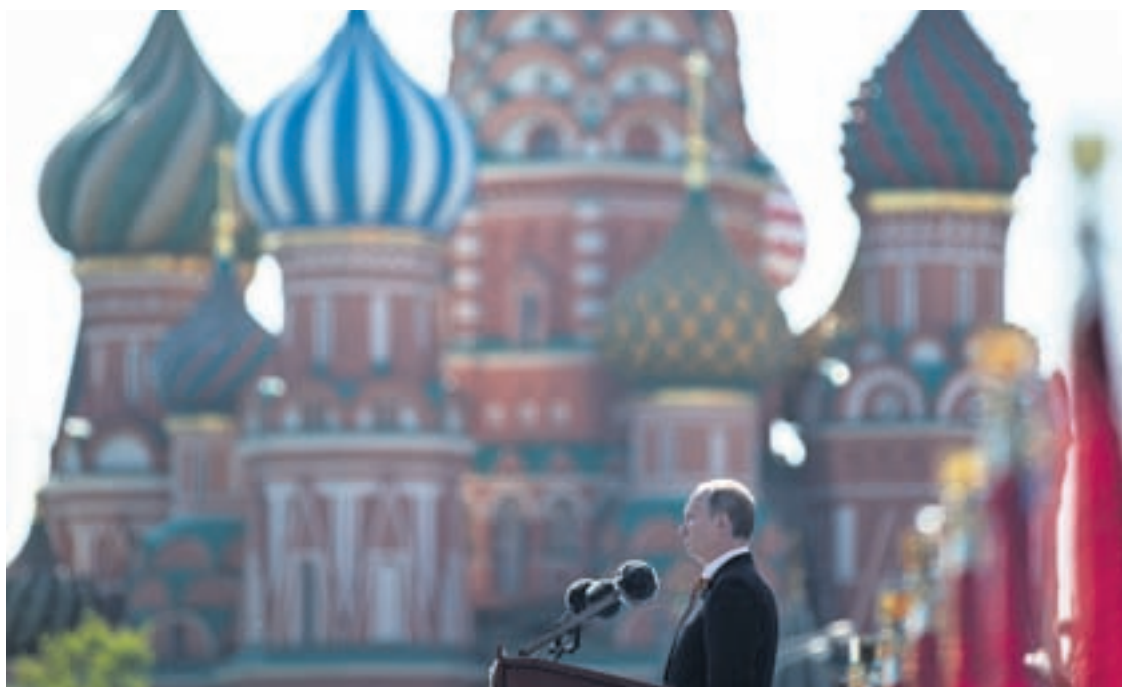
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Associated Press
SEVASTOPOL, Crimea (AP)

— Sailing into this Black Sea port Friday amid a jubilant spectacle of fighter jets and warships, President Vladimir Putin celebrated the return of Crimea to Russia as "historic justice" during a Victory Day display of military pomp and patriotism.

The gravity of the crisis gripping the rest of Ukraine was underscored by deadly clashes in the east, where fighting left bodies in the streets of the seaside city of Mariupol and the police station a smoldering ruin.

At least seven people were killed and dozens injured in the city, one of at least a dozen where pro-Russian insurgents are agitating to follow Crimea's lead in seceding from Ukraine.

Speaking before a cheering crowd of thousands on a triumphant first visit to Crimea since its annexation into Russia, Putin hailed the incorporation of its 2 million people as a "return



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a Victory Day Parade, which commemorates the 1945 defeat of Nazi Germany, in Red Square, with St. Basil Cathedral in the background, in Moscow, Russia, Friday, May 9, 2014. Putin made no reference to the situation in Ukraine when he opened Friday's parade, focusing on the historic importance of the victory over Nazi Germany.

(AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin)

to the Motherland" and a tribute to the "historical justice and the memory of our ancestors."

The Russian leader's visit to the Crimean port of Sevastopol, where Russia's Black Sea Fleet is based, came on Victory Day,

which commemorates the defeat of Nazi Germany and is Russia's most important holiday. The trip was strongly criticized by the United States, NATO and Ukraine's Foreign Ministry, which said it trampled on Ukraine's sovereignty and

international law.

Putin's two Victory Day celebrations — a massive show of military muscle in the annual Red Square parade in Moscow, followed by the extravaganza in Sevastopol — rubbed salt in the wounds of Ukraine's

interim government in Kiev without ever once mentioning its name.

In Sevastopol, Putin rode a cabin cruiser-type boat past hulking warships, issuing greetings to their crews, as warplanes and helicopters swooped over the vast harbor. He then stepped onto land for a short address to the tens of thousands on the shore who came to watch the spectacle.

He expanded on the theme of righting a historic wrong with Crimea's return to Russia in a later address at a commemorative concert, saying Moscow respected other countries' interests and "we ask that all of them show regard for our legal interests, including the restoration of historical justice and the right to self-determination."

Conquered by Russia in the 18th century under Catherine the Great, Crimea only became part of Ukraine in 1954 when Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev transferred jurisdiction from Russia. The move was a formality until the 1991 Soviet collapse meant Crimea landed in an independent Ukraine. It remained under Ukrainian control until its annexation by Russia in March, following a hastily arranged referendum — moves condemned by the West and Kiev.

The violence in the strategic port of Mariupol on the Azov Sea — along the main road between the Russian border and the Crimean Peninsula — was a clear sign of increasing unrest in eastern Ukraine.

The Donetsk region, which includes Mariupol, and the neighboring Luhansk region are to hold a hastily organized referendum Sunday on declaring sovereignty, a move likely to deepen the crisis between supporters of Ukraine's fledgling government and pro-Russia insurgents who claim the authorities in Kiev are a fascist junta.

There were varying accounts of Friday's violence in the city of a half-million people that also was hit by unrest last month. □

British, US experts join Nigeria search for girls

**MICHELLE FAUL
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Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — The international effort to rescue the 276 schoolgirls being held captive by Islamic extremists in northeastern Nigeria was boosted Friday when British security experts joined the Nigerian and American forces trying to rescue the missing students.

As the worldwide effort got underway the weakness of the Nigerian military was exposed in a report issued by Amnesty International. Britain said its aim was not only to help with the current crisis but to defeat Boko Haram.

"The team will be considering not just the recent incidents but also longer-term counter-terrorism solutions to prevent such attacks in the future and defeat Boko Haram," the Foreign & Commonwealth Office said in a statement Friday. The American team was



Demonstrators hold banners as they protest about the kidnapping of girls in Nigeria, near the Nigerian High Commission in London, Friday, May 9, 2014. Global outrage against the abduction of more than 200 Nigerian girls by Islamist militant sect Boko Haram heated up Thursday, as a social media campaign drew worldwide support.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

joined by six additional military officers and more are expected soon, said Pentagon spokesman Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby. The U.S. officers will do a "gap analysis," an assessment to identify what the Nigerian military needs that the U.S. could provide in the search

for the girls, he said. Hostage negotiations is another area where the American team will assist, said U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki. China, France and Spain have also promised help. Demonstrations in support of the missing Nigerian girls

have been held around the world and a social media campaign — dubbed #BringBackOurGirls — continued to grow.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council hinted at sanctions against Boko Haram. In a strongly worded statement, the council condemned a May 5 attack that killed and injured hundreds and demanded the immediate release of the kidnapped girls.

Council members also expressed their intention "to consider appropriate measures against Boko Haram," which in diplomatic language means possible sanctions.

The weakness of the Nigerian armed forces was highlighted Friday in a report which said the military did not respond to warnings that Boko Haram rebels were about to attack Chibok, the town where the young women were abducted from their school. □

Republican cull weak candidates ahead of elections

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MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— It's too early to proclaim the end of the U.S. conservative tea party movement.

But the Republican Party and its allies are using campaign cash, positions of influence and other levers of power to defuse what they consider primary challenges by weak conservative candidates before the 2014 congressional elections and the 2016 presidential race.

The party is cherry-picking other candidates, including some who rode the right-wing tea party wave to a House majority in 2010. Some of those lawmakers are getting boosts from the very establishment the class they vowed to upend. It's an expensive and sweeping effort by national and state Republicans to blur the dividing line between factions that many believe cost the party the Senate majority in 2012 and prolonged the presidential nomination fight that year. This year, Republicans are within six seats of controlling the Senate. If they win

Senate control this November and keep their House majority, even deeper frustrations would await President Barack Obama in his final two years in office.

"We can't expect to win if we are fighting each other all the time," said Matt Borges, chairman of the Ohio Republican Party.

Merging the factions is uncomfortable for all sides, and weighted heavily in favor of the well-financed and organized Republican Party, its state affiliates and allied groups like the Chamber of Commerce. In contrast, the other faction — the tea party — is a loosely affiliated group of conservative activists — some who now call themselves the "liberty movement" — who favor smaller government and a balanced budget.

Public opinion suggests that some voters have tired of the tea party's cut-it-or-shut-it approach to governing after years of crises in which House conservatives' refusal to compromise brought the U.S. to the brink of a default and helped drive a partial government shutdown.

A Gallup survey out Thursday found that about four in 10 Republicans and Republican-leaning independents classify themselves as supporters of the tea party, down from more than six in

that found about one in five Americans supports the tea party, a modest improvement from public approval of the movement at the height of the government shutdown in October.

in North Carolina, Georgia, Michigan and more states, Republican leaders are trying to drum out tea party-approved candidates they consider flawed — like ones who were seen as costing



U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., left, speaks with Miss New Hampshire Teenager Caroline Carter at the Rockingham County Republican Committee's Freedom Founders Dinner, Friday, May 9, 2014 in New Castle, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

10 — a high-water mark — in November 2010.

The Gallup survey follows an AP-GfK poll in March

By changing rules at the presidential level and showering money and support in the primaries on candidates

the party winnable Senate seats in Delaware, Missouri and Nevada in recent years. □

Obama

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That's why he's seizing opportunities this year to act unilaterally to advance those goals, Obama said.

"Unfortunately, inside of Washington, we still have some climate deniers who shout loud," Obama said. "But they're wasting people's time on a settled debate."

Ticking through a list of economic and environmental benefits he attributed to solar technology, Obama cast the commitments as part of a broader campaign to reduce American energy dependence, create jobs in renewable energy and lower heat-trapping emissions blamed for global warming.

Obama also announced executive actions aimed at increasing energy efficiency in buildings and appliances. The White

House said the solar effort will power the equivalent of 130,000 homes and the administrative actions could reduce carbon pollution in an amount equal to taking 80 million cars off the road for one year.

The White House said it chose Wal-Mart for the event because the company has committed to doubling the number of solar energy projects at its stores, Sam's Clubs and distribution centers. But in choosing the giant retailer as the backdrop for his announcement, Obama triggered a backlash from labor unions and pay equity advocates who say low wages paid by Wal-Mart fly in the face of Obama's vaunted push on pay equity.

"What numbskull in the White House arranged this?" former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, who served in the Bill Clinton administration, said on Facebook. □

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Democrats divided over role in new Benghazi probe

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats stand deeply divided over whether to participate in a Republican-led investigation of the deadly attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, with some Democrats charac-

terizing the newest inquiry as a political spectacle. Some Democrats insisted Friday that the party avoid appointing members who would give it legitimacy. Others feared that if they avoid it, they won't have the chance to counter Republican claims and defend potential witnesses.

Party leader Nancy Pelosi called the investigation a "political stunt" but said negotiations with Republican House Speaker John Boehner were continuing. Democratic Party leaders huddled with rank and file in a closed-door session to decide whether to take part in the eighth investiga-

tion of the Sept. 11, 2012 assault, or whether they should boycott the proceedings. Republicans the day before rammed through a resolution creating a special select committee to examine the Sept. 11, 2012, assault, which killed four Americans, including U.S.



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks at her weekly news briefing Friday, May 9, 2014, on Capitol Hill, in Washington. House Democrats stand deeply divided over whether to participate in a Republican-led investigation of the deadly attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, with Pelosi calling the newest probe a "political stunt."
(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Ambassador Chris Stevens. The panel will have a 7-5 Republican edge in membership.

Republicans are focusing on the issue as congressional elections loom in November and as former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton weighs a run for president in 2016. Among other allegations, Republicans say the Obama administration misled the American people about the nature of the attack during a presidential election campaign and stonewalled congressional investigators.

Democrats say the Benghazi inquiry is a political ploy designed to energize Republican voters ahead of the elections, when a fierce battle for control of the Senate will play out. Pelosi said Democrats have heard from the families of two men killed in the attack who said "don't take us down this path again."

In the 20 months since the attack, multiple independent, bipartisan and Republican-led probes already have faulted the State Department for inadequate security at the diplomatic outpost, leading to four demotions. No attacker has yet been brought to justice. □

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Arkansas judge strikes down gay marriage ban

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Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP)

— A judge on Friday struck down Arkansas' ban on same-sex marriage, saying the state has "no rational reason" for preventing gay couples from marrying.

Pulaski County Circuit Judge Chris Piazza ruled that the 2004 voter-approved amendment to the state constitution violates the rights of same-sex couples.

"This is an unconstitutional attempt to narrow the definition of equality," Piazza wrote. "The exclusion of a minority for no rational reason is a dangerous precedent."

The ruling came nearly a week after state Attorney General Dustin McDaniel announced he personally supports gay marriage rights but that he will continue to defend the constitutional ban in court.

McDaniel's office said he would appeal the ruling.

An attorney for the group of same-sex couples challenging the prohibition said he hadn't talked with his clients and didn't know if they would seek marriage licenses when county offices open Monday morning.

"If I was them, I would be there waiting for the door to open," attorney Jack Wagoner said.

The amendment banning gay marriage was passed with the overwhelming support of Arkansas voters. Piazza's ruling also overturns a 1997 state law banning gay marriage.

In his ruling, Piazza cited the U.S. Supreme Court's 1967 decision that invalidated laws on interracial marriage.

The U.S. Supreme Court last year ruled that a law forbidding the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages was

unconstitutional. Since then, lower-court judges have repeatedly cited the decision when striking

down some of the same-sex marriage bans that were enacted after Massachusetts started recognizing

ing gay marriages in 2004.

Federal judges have ruled against marriage bans in Michigan, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Texas, and ordered Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee to recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

In all, according to gay-rights groups, more than 70 lawsuits seeking marriage equality are pending in about 30 states. Democratic attorneys general in several states — including Virginia, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Oregon and Kentucky — have declined to defend same-sex marriage bans.

The head of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest U.S. lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights, praised the ruling. □



Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel is interviewed after speaking to Arkansas Associated Press newspaper editors in Little Rock, Ark. McDaniel said he supports allowing same-sex couples to wed, but will continue defending the state constitution's ban on gay marriage.

(AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

Protest over trail on US land

BRADY McCOMBS
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

— An idyllic Utah canyon home to ancient cliff dwellings and native burials will be the site of a protest Saturday by a group of people who plan to mount their all-terrain vehicles and ride a trail that has been off limits to motorized vehicles since 2007. The Bureau of Land Management is warning riders to stay out, vowing prosecution against those who ignore a law put in place after an illegal trail was found that cuts through ruins that are nearly 2,000 years old. The canyon is open to hikers and horseback riders.

The group's act of defiance is the latest illustration of growing tension between

angry Western residents and the federal government over management of public lands. But the off-road protest isn't expected to end in a confrontation like other recent ones.

The BLM doesn't plan to block access or confront the riders, said Sheriff Rick Eldredge, who has been briefed on the agency's plans. The agency will, however, document people who ride ATVs on the prohibited trail, he said.

The protest's organizer, San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, said he expects hundreds at a nearby city park for a morning rally but only a handful to ride on the restricted trail. He has drummed up interest on social media but isn't recruiting militant types. □

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Washington State:

BMW to expand plant in push for more fuel-efficient cars

JACK EWING

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FRANKFURT - BMW said Friday that it would invest \$200 million and double its workforce at a factory in Washington state that makes carbon fibers as the company moves to use more of the lightweight material in cars and meet demand for a new electric vehicle.

The German carmaker operates the factory in Moses Lake in a joint venture with the SGL Group, another German company. BMW said it would hire 120 new workers as part of the expansion, which is to be completed early next year and bring the total number of employees to about 200. The move reflects the effort of BMW and other automakers to make cars lighter and more fuel efficient, as well as increase interest by German companies in manufacturing in the United States, partly because of lower energy costs.

BASF, a German chemical company, said Thursday that it would build a plant in Freeport, Texas, to produce ammonia for use in

fertilizer. And Siemens, the German electronics and engineering conglomerate, said Wednesday that it would relocate the headquarters of a unit that supplies equipment for the energy industry to the United States because of its boom in natural gas production. The factory in Moses Lake runs entirely on hydropower, according to BMW. The expansion there is also a sign that BMW is optimistic about prospects for its i3 battery-powered car, which went on sale in Europe in November and has a passenger compartment made primarily of carbon fiber.

BMW said this week that it had sold about 2,000 i3s since the launch, half of those in March. That figure does not include any sales in the United States, where BMW sold its first i3 this month, or in China, where the car will reach showrooms no sooner than July. The i3 carries a base price of \$41,350 in the United States.

Most of the 5,000 i3 models produced so far went to showrooms as test-drive

vehicles, and BMW said it expected sales to increase as more cars become available for sale. Carbon fiber made in Moses Lake is processed into layers of

of electric vehicles and improve fuel economy in conventional cars. But carbon fiber parts are much more difficult and costly to mass-produce for automo-

reduce the cost of carbon components and allow their use in conventional gasoline and diesel-powered cars as well.

BMW is also gearing up to



Dr. Norbert Reithofer, Chairman of the Board of Management, BMW Group, right, speaks with a new BMW X4 in the background during a news conference at a US BMW manufacturing plant in Greer, S.C., in March, 2014. BMW said Friday that it would invest \$200 million and double its workforce at a factory in Washington State that makes carbon fibers as the company moves to use more of the lightweight material in cars and meet demand for a new electric vehicle.

(AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

carbon fiber in Wackersdorf, Germany, then made into body parts at other German BMW plants, in Landshut and Leipzig. The i3 is assembled in Leipzig. Carbon fiber is both lightweight and strong, and helps extend the range

biles than traditional materials like steel.

BMW, which like other carmakers is under pressure to reduce emissions and increase fuel economy, said that mass production of carbon fiber at the Moses Lake plant would help

launch a second model in the i Series, a high-performance sports coupe called the i8. On Friday BMW unveiled a series of video spots for the i8 by Gus Van Sant, the director of movies like "Good Will Hunting" and "Milk." □

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US Financial Front:

America's job openings slip in March after strong gain



Natalie Silverstein, of the Broward County Transportation Department, left, explains the job openings at the County to job seeker Janelly Ramos, right, during a job fair in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Labor Department released job openings and labor turnover survey for March on Friday, May 9, 2014.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers advertised slightly fewer jobs and slowed hiring a bit in March, though the declines came after healthy gains the previous month. The figures suggest the job market is improving in fits and starts. The Labor Department said Friday that employers posted 4 million jobs in March, down 2.7 percent from February. But February's total nearly matched November's for the highest level of openings since January 2008, when the Great Recession was just

beginning.

The report also showed that February's data for hiring and quits was revised much higher, indicating that the job market was in better shape that month than initially estimated. It's a good sign when more people quit their jobs, because most people do so to take a new position, frequently at higher pay. Quitting also opens up a position that someone out of work can take. The number of people quitting their jobs in both February and March reached the highest level since July 2008, Friday's report said.

US wholesale stockpiles up 1.1 percent in March

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. wholesale businesses increased their stockpiles in March by the largest amount in five months while sales increased at the fastest clip in 10 months. Wholesale stockpiles rose 1.1 percent in March after a 0.7 percent gain in February, the Commerce Department reported Friday. It was the ninth consecutive monthly gain and the largest increase since a 1.2 percent rise in October. Sales at the wholesale level were up 1.4 percent, the best showing since a 1.9 percent rise in May 2013. The sizable gain in sales should encourage businesses to keep restocking

their shelves to meet rising demand. That will mean increased orders to factories and rising production which would boost economic growth. In the January-March quarter, the economy slowed to a barely discernible growth rate of 0.1 percent after growth of 2.6 percent in the October-December quarter. A slowdown in inventory building subtracted 0.6 percentage point from first quarter growth. But economists expect the drag from a slowdown in inventory building will ease in the second quarter. The big rise in March inventories supports that view, indicating that there was growing momentum headed in the second quarter. □

Total hiring, meanwhile, million in March. That's been hires that are typical for a dipped 1.6 percent to 4.63 low the 5 million monthly healthy job market. □



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Genetically modified foods confuse US consumers

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Genetically modified foods have been around for years, but most Americans have no idea if they are eating them.

The Food and Drug Administration says they don't need to be labeled. But in the first major victory for consumers who say they have the right to know whether their food contains GMOs, the state of Vermont has moved forward on its own. On Thursday, Gov. Peter Shumlin signed legislation making his state the first to require labeling of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

Throughout the country, there's a lot of confusion about genetically modified foods and their safety, and whether labeling matters.

The food industry and companies that genetically engineer seeds have pushed back against the labeling laws, saying GMOs are safe and labels would be misleading.

"It's really polarizing," says New York University's Mar-

ion Nestle, a professor of nutrition and food studies. "There's no middle ground."

GMOs are not really a

ied from other plants or animals inserted into their DNA. It's not a new idea — humans have been tinkering with genes for centuries

gineered foods is that the manipulation is done in a lab. Engineers don't need to wait for nature to produce a desired gene; they

tration has yet to approve any. The vast majority of scientific research has found genetically engineered foods to be generally safe.

An Italian scientist's review of 10 years of research, published in 2013, concluded that the scientific research conducted so far has not detected "any significant hazard directly connected with the use of GM crops."

One French research team raised safety questions, but their much-criticized 2012 study linking genetically modified corn to rat tumors was retracted in 2013 by the scientific publisher, who cited weak evidence supporting the conclusions.

Even the food police say they are safe: The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a well-known critic of food companies and artificial and unhealthy ingredients in foods, has not

opposed genetically modified foods, on the basis that there's no evidence they are harmful. Though what

we are eating now appears safe, the main concerns for the future would be new genetically engineered foods — from the United States or abroad — that somehow become allergenic or toxic through the engineering process.

The FDA says the foods they have evaluated to this point have not been any more likely to cause an allergic or toxic reaction than foods from traditionally bred plants. Unlike animals, the FDA is not required to approve genetically engineered crops for consumption.

However, most companies will go through a voluntary safety review process before they put them on the market. There are clear benefits for the agricultural industry — the crops that are resistant to pesticides and herbicides, for example. And companies like Monsanto that produce modified seeds say their technologies will be needed to feed a rising world population as they engineer crops to adapt to certain climates and terrains. □



Katie Spring rolls up plastic that was used to cover certain plants during cold weather in a field at the Good Heart Farmstead in Worcester, Vt. Spring and her husband Edge Fuentes, who both own the farm, back the GMO labeling bill passed by the Vermont legislature. On May 8, Gov. Peter Shumlin signed legislation making the state the first to require labeling of GMOs — technically genetically modified organisms.
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"thing," Nestle says, and that's hard for the average consumer to grasp. You can't touch or feel a GMO. Genetically modified foods are plants or animals that have had genes cop-

through selective breeding. Think dogs bred to be more docile pets, cattle bred to be beefier or tomatoes bred to be sweeter. What's different about genetically modified or en-

speed up the process by transferring a gene from one plant or animal to another.

Most of the nation's corn and soybeans are genetically engineered to resist pests and herbicides. A papaya in Hawaii is modified to resist a virus. The FDA is considering an application from a Massachusetts company to approve a genetically engineered salmon that would grow faster than traditional salmon. Only a small amount of sweet corn, the corn Americans eat, is genetically modified. Most of the genetically modified corn and soybeans are used in cattle feed, or are made into ingredients like corn oil, corn starch, high fructose corn syrup or soybean oil. Even in some of those products, the manufacturing process itself may remove some of the modified genes. A few fruits and vegetables are engineered — the Hawaiian papaya and some squash and zucchini, for example. But there's no genetically modified meat or fish, like the fast-growing salmon, currently in the market for human consumption; the Food and Drug Adminis-



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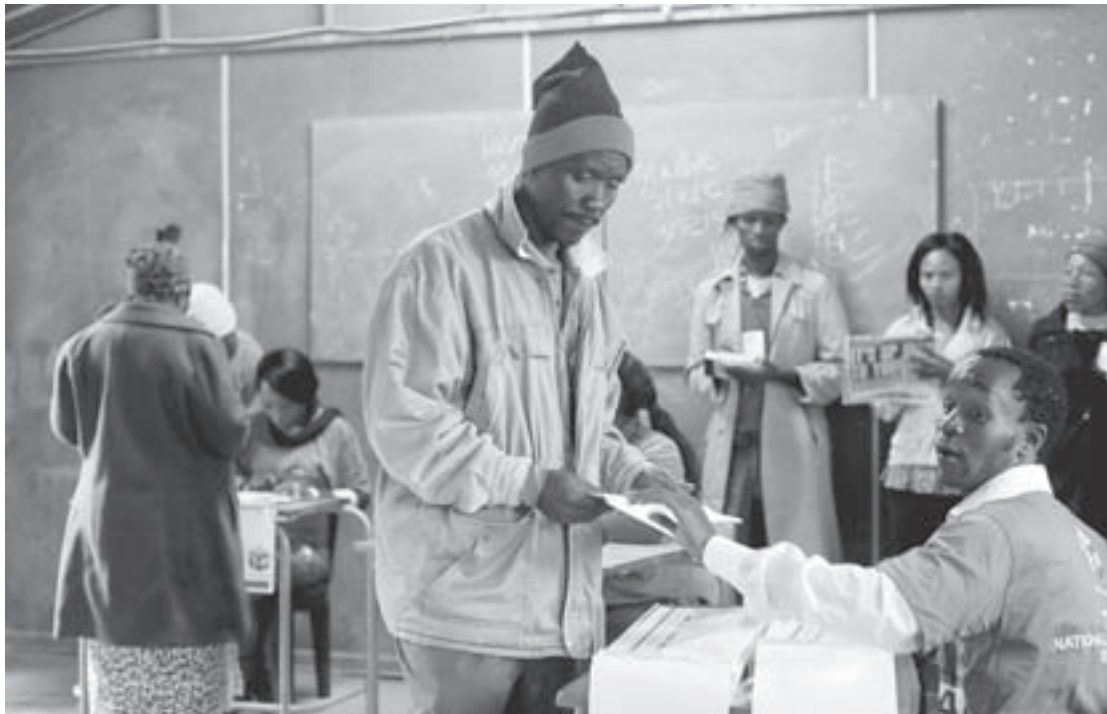
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ANC solidifies lead in Latest South African vote count



An electoral worker assists a voter at a polling station in the Marikana High School in Marikana, South Africa. With counting virtually complete Friday after South Africa's fifth all-race elections, results showed the long-governing African National Congress securing another big victory, even though the party fell short of its goal of a two-thirds majority.

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- With counting virtually complete Friday after South Africa's

fifth all-race elections, results showed the long-governing African National Congress securing another big victory, even though the party fell short of its goal

of a two-thirds majority. The outcome seemed to show that, whatever misgivings South Africans might have about the President Jacob Zuma,

many were still prepared to display their loyalty to the 102-year-old party that claimed victory over apartheid 20 years ago and cast itself for decades before that as their champion.

The Independent Electoral Commission said that, with the vote from almost 99 percent of districts counted, the ANC led with 62.2 percent. That result was in keeping with projections that the party, mired in corruption scandals and headed by the unpopular Zuma, would shed a few percentage points compared with the last general election, in 2009, when it won 65.9 percent.

The figures mean that the party is assured of maintaining its commanding majority in the 400-seat Parliament, which formally appoints the president, effectively guaranteeing that Zuma, who has battled charges of corruption and rape in recent years, will win a second term.

The dominance of the ANC cloaked some important shifts. The Democratic Alliance, the second-biggest party in Parliament, seemed to have increased its share of the vote to around 22 percent from roughly 17 percent in 2009, while the radical Economic Freedom Fighters, led by the populist Julius Malema and running in their first election, were coming in at just more than 6 percent, placing the group third, ahead of all other minority challengers. In two northern regions regarded as Malema's stronghold, the grouping ran a distant second to the ANC, ahead of the Democratic Alliance. Malema sought to draw support from the country's many unemployed young people, modeling himself on such figures as Hugo Chávez in Venezuela and Robert Mugabe in neighboring Zimbabwe, and promising a huge redistribution of wealth. □



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Syrians return to homes after opposition withdrawal

ALBERT AJI
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Associated Press

HOMS, Syria (AP) — Hundreds of Syrians, some snapping photographs with their cell phones, wandered down paths carved out of rubble in the old quarters of Homs on Friday, getting their first glimpse of the horrendous destruction that two years of fighting inflicted on rebel-held parts of the city.

The scenes that greeted them were devastating: City blocks pounded into an apocalyptic vista of hollow facades of blown-out buildings. Dust everywhere. Streets strewn with rebar, shattered concrete bricks, toppled telephone poles and the occasional charred, crumpled carcasses of cars.

For more than a year, President Bashar Assad's troops blockaded these neighborhoods, pounding the rebel bastions with his artillery and air force.

Under a deal struck this week, the government assumed control of the old quarters, while in return some 2,000 rebel fighters

were granted safe passage to opposition areas north of Homs.

The final piece of the agreement fell into place Friday afternoon as the last 300 or so rebels left Homs after an aid convoy was allowed into two pro-government villages in northern Syria besieged by the opposition. The aid delivery was part of the Homs agreement.

The withdrawal was a major victory for the government in a conflict that has killed more than 150,000 people since March 2011. The deal handed Assad control of the city once known as "the capital of the revolution," as well as a geographic linchpin in central Syria from which to launch offensives on rebel-held territory in the north.

Even before the last rebels departed, government bulldozers were clearing paths through the heaviest rubble in Homs' battle-scarred districts Friday. It marked the first time that government troops have entered these neighborhoods — the last rebel bastions in the city — in more



In this photograph made on a government-led media tour, Syrian civilians return to Homs, Syria on Friday, May 9, 2014, where bulldozers cleared rubble from the streets of battle-scarred districts in the central Syrian city after government troops entered the last rebel-held neighborhoods as part of an agreement that also granted opposition fighters safe exit from the city.

(AP Photo)

than a year.

Homs governor Talal Barazi said engineering units were combing Hamidiyeh and other parts of the old quarters in search of mines and other explosives. State TV said two soldiers were killed while dismantling a bomb. The SANA state news agency reported that army troops discovered two field hospitals in the neighbor-

hoods of Bab Houd and Qarabis, as well as a network of underground tunnels linking the districts to each other and to the countryside.

An Associated Press reporter on a military-led tour of Homs said soldiers and pro-government militiamen fanned out across the districts to provide security. In Hamadiyeh, a predomi-

nantly Christian neighborhood before the fighting caused residents to flee, people trickled back in to check on their properties. Imad Nanaa, 52, returned to examine his home for the first time in almost three years. Miraculously, he found it almost intact, compared to other houses with shattered windows and crumbling walls.

Yemen:

Defense minister escapes Al-Qaida ambush

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's defense minister escaped an assassination attempt Friday when alleged al-Qaida militants ambushed his motorcade as he was visiting strategic areas in the south and a sprawling al-Qaida base recaptured by the army, security and military officials said.

Officials said Mohammed Nasser Ahmed was on his way to check up on forces in the Mahfad region when gunmen opened fire on the convoy.

The attack came as government forces pushed back militants in fighting atop a hill overlooking the region's main road, they added. Troops killed three militants and captured

two wounded ones, while sustaining three wounded themselves.

The officials also said troops in an army post in Meyfaa town in Shabwa province killed Friday an al-Qaida militant as he was attempting a suicide attack in an explosive-laden car.

The army has started to establish fixed military posts and checkpoints in areas recaptured from the militants in Mahfad, Azzan and Meyfaa to prevent them from returning from neighboring mountainous regions to which they have fled.

In the capital Sanaa, the Interior Ministry said two al-Qaida militants from Marib province were killed Thursday night in clashes with security men, but their

tribe, which sympathizes with al-Qaida, denied that the two belonged to the group. In retaliation they blew up one of the main oil pipelines in Marib province and cut off electricity supplies to the capital on Friday.

Some foreign fighters, including Westerners, were among those killed or arrested in the past week's fighting in the ongoing military campaign against al-Qaida, officials said. The official SABA news agency quoted an unnamed security official as saying on Friday that two al-Qaida members who are French nationals were arrested Thursday while trying to flee the country from Hadramawt province. It said both are of Tunisian origin.



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Italy's Berlusconi begins community service sentence

COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

CESANO BOSCONI, Italy

(AP) - Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi carried out his first four-hour community service stint Friday, observing work on an Alzheimer's ward as part of a tax fraud sentence.

The three-time former premier made no comment as he came and went from the sprawling Sacra Famiglia center for the elderly and infirm, under the gaze of dozens of journalists kept behind barricades.

But he later told regional Lombard TV that many of the patients he saw were "in a very, very difficult situation, difficult to endure." One woman, he said, kissed him, while a group of men who were able to walk about turned off the TV and came over to chat. "Of course, these were the less serious cases," Berlusconi said.

While he was heckled on arrival by a lone union protester who said he should



Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi opens his arms as he leaves the "Sacra Famiglia" foundation in Cesano Boscone, near Milan, Italy, Friday, May 9, 2014. Berlusconi, 77, was ordered to perform four hours of community service a week for a year after his four-year sentence was reduced to one by a general amnesty. He also lost his Senate seat due to the conviction, but remains an important political force as head of his Forza Italia party. The court's order permits him flexibility to campaign for the upcoming European elections, but only in the northern Lombard region and around Rome, where he can travel from Tuesday to Thursday.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

instead be at a nearby prison, a supporter waved down his car as he left the premises and he had the car stopped to thank her.

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and around Rome, where he can travel from Tuesday to Thursday.

Courts have warned that he could be put under house arrest if he insults the judicial system during his sentence, and the Sacra Famiglia administrators have barred any campaigning on the grounds. Berlusconi has promised surprises during his service and told private radio on Thursday that he has been studying the latest treatments for Alzheimer's disease "to give nurses a way to be able to do more."

Still, Sacra Famiglia's director has said his integration into the routine will be gradual. He spent the first day observing work in the two-story structure that houses the Alzheimer's patients, accompanied by the director of the residential unit. During his community service, Berlusconi is scheduled to arrive after breakfast during a period of recreation, where caregivers assist in activities that can include playing music for the patients. Lunch follows. □

Pope Francis urging 'legitimate redistribution' of world wealth

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis called Friday for governments to redistribute wealth and benefits to the poor in a new spirit of generosity to help curb the "economy of exclusion" that is taking hold today.

Francis made the appeal during a speech to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the heads of major U.N. agencies who met in Rome this week.

Latin America's first pope has frequently lashed out at the injustices of capitalism and the global economic system. On Friday, Francis called for the United Nations to promote a "worldwide ethical mobilization" of solidarity with the poor. He said a more equal form of economic progress can be had through "the legitimate redistribution of economic benefits by the state, as well as indispensable cooperation between

the private sector and civil society."

Francis urged the U.N. to promote development goals that attack the root causes of poverty and hunger, protect the environment and ensure dignified labor for all.

Friday's audience came just days after the Holy See was battered in a second round of grilling by a U.N. committee over its record of handling priestly sex abuse. Neither the pope nor Ban spoke of the issue. Francis did refer to another topic at the U.N. hearings: the church's opposition to abortion, which U.N. committee members have criticized as an impediment to women's access to reproductive health care.

Francis called for respect for life "from conception to natural death" and his denunciation of the "culture of death" echoed previous papal exhortations against abortion. □

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Venezuela:

Protesters fear what comes next after camps dismantled

JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— In the bubbling cauldron that is politically riven Venezuela, divining the government's motives is a favorite pastime. So as soon as security forces stormed a handful of ramshackle camps that had been the haven for anti-government protesters the past month, Venezuelans immediately began speculating what was behind the surprise raids. Some viewed it as a straightforward crackdown to restore order in besieged neighborhoods. Others saw an attempt to chill the nerve of student activists and keep them from returning to the streets. And, in a reflection of the country's bitter divisions, some in the opposition called it an effort to revive a waning protest movement as a way to distract Venezuelans from mounting economic woes. About the only thing certain is that in the aftermath of Thursday's pre-dawn raids, President Nicolas Maduro wanted to project an image of strength and attack his foes. Speaking

on national television, as he handed out another batch of homes to poor people, the socialist leader lambasted his opponents and blamed them for the death of a 25-year-

deadly clashes in almost a month. "He was protecting the community of Chacao and was killed vilely by these right-wing assassins," Maduro said, referring to the leafy neighborhood in

of the offices of the United Nations. "In the face of this pain, we have to apply the firm hand of justice."

The bloodshed brought to 42 the number of people killed on all sides since

During the raids on the camps, 243 young protesters were arrested and carted off to jail. The government later presented what it said were dozens of homemade mortars, guns and Molotov cocktails seized during the operation.

The dismantling of the camps came as protests had lost much of their fervor amid an effort by moderate members of the opposition to sit down with the government and negotiate concessions such as more economic freedom for business, the release of jailed opponents and the filling of vacancies on the Supreme Court and electoral tribunal.

That's a strategy the Obama administration supports, but Venezuelan students and hard-line opposition members are boycotting the talks, which they consider a ploy by Maduro to deflect foreign criticism.

At the same time security forces in Caracas were cleaning up a moonscape of scattered clothes, tents and destroyed banners, U.S. lawmakers in Washington pressed State Department officials to endorse legislation that would ban visas and freeze the assets of Venezuelan officials who crush demonstrations and violate human rights. Roberta Jacobson, U.S. assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, said some opposition leaders have urged the United States not to go forward with such a move. □



Bolivarian National Guard soldiers load a truck with students belongings as they dismantle student encampments outside of UN headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Carlos Becerra)

old police officer in street violence that erupted after the raids — the first day of

Caracas where the biggest of the four makeshift protest camps sat in front

protests began roiling the South American nation in February.

Bishops say Argentina is 'sick with violence'

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Argentina's Catholic bishops say their country's society is in deep trouble, "sick with violence" and suffering from public and private corruption that's like "a true social cancer, causing injustice and death."

The tough statement published Friday after the annual bishops' conference says Argentina's drug-related "violence is ever

more ferocious and ruthless," and that criminal mafias are running free in the South American country, promoting sex slavery and trafficking in people, drugs and weapons.

"Many live in fear when entering or leaving their homes, or worry about leaving them empty, or anxiously await the return of their children from school or work. Crimes have not only increased in quantity,

but in aggressiveness," they said.

The bishops cautioned that public outrage over rising crime "in no way justifies acts of revenge or what's poorly labeled 'taking justice into your own hands.'" Corruption is a root cause, the bishops concluded, because it corrodes respect for the country's institutions and thereby promotes illegal behavior.

They said Argentina needs

to promote respect for the law, "from the most important rules established in the national constitution, to traffic laws and rules that govern everyday life.

Only if just laws are respected, and those who violate them are punished, can we rebuild social ties damaged by crime, impunity and the lack of examples set by those of us with some authority." □



For Art Rules Aruba #5:

Rapper, Singer, Performer Pete Philly confirmed as Music Teacher



ORANJESTAD - Dutch/Aruban singer, songwriter, producer and phenomenal performer Pete Philly will be coming to Aruba to teach Art Rules Music and Performance.

Presented by RBC Royal Bank, Art Rules Aruba, which kicks off on July 5th, has become the biggest summer program offering kids the opportunity to take part in 2 weeks intensive workshops with the best international artists from around the world. Celebrating 5 years, organizers are going bigger with the teacher's pool, adding several celebrity artists to the program to teach!

Pete Philly being one of the 15 to come to the island this year has been critically acclaimed in over 30 countries, toured the world wide and won anything from the highest music awards, to prestigious arts and communication accolades.

His work is hard to hold by one title, whether it's for the ground breaking music he put out with partner Per-



quisite (known as HipHop duo Pete Philly & Perquisite) or his solo work (Negro spirituals based Soul/HipHop music) in reinventing online music with his OpenLoops

project and let's not forget his reputation as a stage performer.

Pete Philly's last performance on the Island, for the Dutch Royal Family was

nothing short of extraordinary.

Organizers of Art Rules are happy to finally have Pete Philly on board as a teacher, considering this has been in

the works since 2012. As fellow artists Levi Silvanie (Curaçao) and Maikal X (Postman NL) who will also be a teaching Art Rules Music & Performance, Pete Philly is extremely excited to once again come home to his roots and connect with the local youth; even planning to shoot his next music video with Art Rules students. Calling all musicians, singers, emcees and performers. If you want the opportunity to work with some of the best artists in the music industry, this is your chance and if you love Music as much as Pete Philly, sign up online now by going to www.artrulesaruba.com/apply Fill in the application form, write your motivation letter and become one of the students to call themselves Art Rulers.

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PALM BEACH - The Blue Lobster listens to its patrons and highest food quality. This time we will limit ourselves to just let you judge by yourself. We do appreciate the honest comments

made on "TRIP ADVISOR", where 99% are like the ones here below. In these last 3 months there were only 2 or 3 non-good comments, which The Blue Lobster's management took necessary action to guarantee that every day all involved in this cozy restaurant, are committed to give the best there can be to maintain the excellent food quality and warmth their professional staff is providing. This is what our happy customers are saying:

"Amazing hidden gem." -Reviewed April 23, 2014

Looking for food that's worth the money in Aruba is hard to come by. Most places are just flat out over-priced and tasteless. On the other hand, you have hidden gems like The Blue Lobster that you can find with just a bit of TripAdvisor research. Just a tad off the strip, this place is priced EXTREMELY fair. Especially if you go for the prefix menu. The Lobster Ravioli and the Lobster thermidor were amazing!!! It didn't really break the bank like the other restaurants in the area did. To top off the dinner the prefix also came with a nice desert at the end. This would be my first dinner off the plane the next time I arrive in Aruba.

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"Yummys"

-Reviewed April 15, 2014

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"Lobster ravioli!"

-Reviewed March 25, 2014

The service as wonderful! The lobster ravioli was to die for! Had it as an appetizer for dinner and loved it so much, we went back for lunch later in the trip and had it as an entree. Their tiramisu was also the best I've ever had!

"I would go here again, awesome food"

-Reviewed March 24, 2014

It looks like just a roadside restaurant away from the beaches and crowds. The food is fantastic! Excellent flavors, handmade sauces with fresh ingredients and excellent presentation. I had lobster ravioli as an appetizer and I believe the pasta was handmade... ..I could also tell that the lobster bruesheta used top quality olive oil fresh basil and homemade pesto. In spite of the location I did like the ambiance and the service was also very personable and attentive. The prices are a bit on the higher end but you are always going to pay more for lobster! Two glasses of wine, two excellent appetizers, two lobster dinners (plus child's steak and fries that was excellent meat) and two deserts....just under \$110.☐

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Eman, Team Aruba excited for Georgia Drags

ORANJESTAD/VALDOSTA, Ga - This weekend the Professional Drag Racers Association contests their second event, the Inaugural Georgia Drags.

The PDRA's kickoff event was a wild success, and racers, fans and sponsors are looking forward to another weekend of incredible racing. Team Aruba is especially excited about joining the PDRA since Aruba is the Official Travel Destination of the organization. Team Aruba will be on hand, letting South Georgia fans know about one of the world's premier vacation destinations and also fielding their Aruba.com Mustang in Extreme Pro Stock.

The team found great success in XPS in 2013 and driver Trevor Eman is hoping they can build on that this weekend: "We are very excited to be at the PDRA race in Valdosta. Our guys



have worked hard for us to make it here, and everybody is ready to work even harder for a successful weekend. It's been a while since we've raced at South Georgia Motorsports Park so it will be nice

to reconnect with our fans in that area. We are looking forward to seeing packed stands and some good doorslammer racing this weekend.

"Last year at the ADRL race here we were number one

qualifier," Eman continued, "but the race was rained out and we never got to defend that number one spot. So this weekend we're preparing to take care of unfinished business.

"Although I always enjoy

being behind the wheel and turning on win lights, I'm especially looking forward to this race because of the partnership between Aruba and the PDRA as their Official Vacation Destination. Our main goal through this racing operation is to let people know about our 'One Happy Island'. The weather is great year-round. The beaches are incredible. And the people are the friendliest you'll find anywhere. We're proud to say that our home country is the PDRA's Official Vacation Destination." Watch all the Team Aruba action this weekend on Motor Mania Live Feed.

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Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, right, of Jamaica wins the women's 100m at the IAAF Diamond League in the Qatari capital Doha, Friday May 9, 2014.
Associated Press

Fraser-Pryce wins 100M at Doha Diamond League meet

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Jamaican sprinter Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce won the women's 100 meters Friday in the season-opening Diamond League meet in Doha, while Ivan Ukhov of Russia cleared a world-leading 2.41 meters in the men's high jump.

Fraser-Pryce held off a late charge by Blessing Okagbare of Nigeria as the Olympic champion won in 11.13 seconds.

Ukhov set a Diamond League record by clearing 2.41 in his first attempt and then made one unsuccessful try at 2.43, which would have been a European record. American Erik Kynard was second after clearing 2.37.

Hellen Obiri also set a Diamond League record by winning the women's 3,000 with the fastest time since 1993, clocking 8 minutes, 20.68 seconds to beat fellow Kenyan Mercy Cherono.

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HALFWAY THERE



Heat wins eighth straight, lead 2-0

Miami Heat forward LeBron James celebrates after the Heat defeated the Brooklyn Nets 94-82 in Game 2 of an Eastern Conference semifinal basketball game, Thursday, May 8, 2014 in Miami.

Associated Press
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Kaymer takes 1-shot lead over Spieth at Players

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) —

Martin Kaymer followed up his course-record first round by shooting a 3-under 69 on Friday to hold a one-stroke lead at The Players Championship going into the weekend.

Kaymer's lead was eroded by Jordan Spieth, who fired a 66 in his first big tournament since tying for second at the Masters.

Kaymer capped off his 69 with a pitching wedge to within 4 feet of the hole on the 17th's island green.

"Everything is coming together nicely," Kaymer said.

The 29-year-old German was at 12-under 132. That matched the best 36-hole score on the Stadium

Course at the TPC Sawgrass in 20 years, dating to Greg Norman's record-setting performance. Norman made only one bogey that week.

Adam Scott, in his first tournament as a married man, kept alive his hopes of going to No. 1 in the world this week with three birdies in his last four holes for a 67. That was a 10-shot improvement from Thursday and enabled him to make the cut on the number at even-par 144.

Rory McIlroy shot 42 on the

Martin Kaymer of Germany, looks at his shot on the eighth green during the second round of The Players championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass, Friday, May 9, 2014 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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front nine and appeared headed home early until making birdie on the 18th hole to salvage a 74 to make the cut.

Phil Mickelson missed his birdie attempt on No. 18 and had a 70 to miss the cut by one. Mickelson also went home early at the Masters.

"I don't feel bad about the game," Mickelson said. "But mentally, I'm just really soft right now."

Kaymer is winless dating to the HSBC Champions in Shanghai at the end of 2011, so he did not let his expectations get too high after shooting a 63 on Thursday.

"Even though I shot 9-under par yesterday ... if people want to talk negative about it, I then shot six shots worse. But you can always go in the negative. I see very positive things that I backed up that 9-under par with another decent round."

Spieth hit his stride in the middle of the back nine with a 6-iron on the par-3 13th that rode the ridge down to about 4 feet, and

a 6-iron from 184 yards on the 14th to 3 feet.

"It was a nice break to land and roll to pin-high, because it was a very tricky pin with quite a bit of slope around the hole," he said. Spieth held a two-shot lead with 11 holes to play at the Masters and his game looks every bit as solid at Sawgrass, a course he had only seen while playing a junior event. He finished second in that one, too.

And that's what keep him going. Asked he if was getting bored being in contention so much, he smiled and said, "No, because I haven't won one."

"You should probably have to win every time in order for it to get boring," he said. "But not even Tiger gets bored."

Russell Henley didn't make a par over his last six holes — three bogeys, three birdies — for a 71 and was in third place at 8-under 136. Sergio Garcia (71), U.S. Open champion Justin Rose (71), Gary Woodland (71), Lee Westwood (71) and Jim Furyk (68) were six shots behind. □



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Heat and Spurs win at home to go up 2-0

MIAMI (AP) — Miami ground down Brooklyn and San Antonio was in control throughout to beat Portland as the two experienced outfits won on Thursday to take 2-0 leads in their NBA second-round playoff series.

Miami's LeBron James scored 22 points and Chris Bosh added 18 as the Heat beat Brooklyn 94-82, while San Antonio's players shared the scoring load in a 114-97 win over Portland. Miami tied a franchise record by notching an eighth-straight playoff win, with Dwyane Wade contributing 14 points and Ray Allen 13.

Mirza Teletovic set a Nets playoff record with six 3-pointers, on his way to a 20-point night off the bench. Shaun Livingston scored 15, Paul Pierce had 13 and Joe Johnson added 13 more for the Nets.

Game 3 is Saturday in Brooklyn.

Miami led by only two points midway through the fourth quarter but back-to-back 3s opened some breathing space. And then a marathon possession for an NBA team — 100 seconds — sealed the deal for Miami.

The Nets did not get the ball back until 1:59 remained, after the Heat got three offensive rebounds to extend the possession and build its lead to 10 points to effectively seal the game. Miami was scoreless for the game's first 3:32, the longest Heat drought to open a home game since 2005. And that set the tone for some serious offensive struggles in the early going, with the Nets scoring only 21 points in the first quarter yet still leading by six.

San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard scored 20 points while Tony Parker had 16 points and 10 assists as the Spurs won with some comfort against the Trail Blazers.

Manu Ginobili added 16 points, Marco Belinelli scored 13, and Tiago Splitter had 10 points and 10 rebounds in the Spurs' second convincing victory to open the best-of-seven series.

Nicolas Batum scored 21 points for Portland. Damian Lillard had 19 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 points and 10 rebounds, but the Blazers again struggled to score against San Antonio's suffocating defense.

Portland hosts Game 3 on

Saturday.

The Blazers found a snake in its locker room before the game and seemed rattled in the first half before finding its footing in the fourth quarter, and they closed within eight points with 5:37 remaining.

Lillard, Leonard and Ginobili hit back-to-back 3s to put San Antonio up 110-93 and put the game out of reach. □

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) drives against Brooklyn Nets guard Shaun Livingston during the first half of Game 2 of an Eastern Conference semifinal NBA playoff basketball game, Thursday, May 8, 2014 in Miami.

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Obiri came from behind to surge past Cherono over the last 15 meters, while world indoor champion Genzebe Dibaba of Ethiopia faded late and only managed a distant sixth despite clocking a personal best 8:26.21.

On a night of fast times, Asbel Kiprop of Kenya won the men's 1,500 in a world-leading 3:29.18 in a race that saw a record six people finish under 3:31.

Other winners included Americans LaShawn Merritt in the men's 400 and David Oliver in the 110 hurdles. Merritt equaled his world-leading time of 44.44, while

Oliver won in 13.23.

In the absence of injured world record-holder David Rudisha of Kenya, Mohammed Aman of Ethiopia won the men's 800 in 1:44.49, beating Nijel Amos of Botswana by 0.05 seconds.

Adekoya Kemi of Nigeria was one of the most surprising winners as she shaved 0.7 seconds off her personal best to win the women's 400 hurdles in 54.59.

"I swear I never expected to win. There are so many world-class athletes here and I felt scared to run against them," Kemi said. "I can't tell you how I really pushed myself." □

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NHL Playoffs

Bruins edge Canadiens in OT to square series

MONTREAL (AP) — Boston's Matt Fraser had a playoff debut to remember, scoring early in overtime to give the Bruins a 1-0 victory at Montreal on Thursday, leveling their NHL Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-2.

Across the country, Anaheim beat in-form local rival Los Angeles 3-2 to cut the Kings' lead in the Western Conference series to 2-1.

Boston's Fraser was making his first playoff appearance after being called up Wednesday from Providence of the American Hockey League. He jumped into a scramble in front of Canadiens goalie Carey Price and slid the puck under him into the net.

Fraser scored after Johnny Boychuk's shot from the

point took a high hop off the end boards and Price and defenseman Mike Weaver had trouble controlling the bouncing puck. The Bruins will have a chance to take the lead in the series when they host Game 5 on Saturday.

Tuukka Rask made 33 saves for Boston, and Price stopped 34 shots to keep the game scoreless in regulation time.

Boston's Carl Soderberg had the best chance in the final minute after Montreal defenseman P.K. Subban's blind back pass was intercepted, but Price partially blocked the shot as it went off the crossbar.

Anaheim's Teemu Selanne scored the tiebreaking power-play goal late in the second period and the Ducks got the win they

badly needed against Los Angeles.

Corey Perry got his first goal of the series and Ben Lovejoy scored with 2:55 left to give the Ducks victory and halt the Kings' winning streak at six.

Anaheim's Jonas Hiller made seven saves in the final 9:58 after rookie starting goaltender Frederik Andersen left with a leg injury.

Jeff Carter and Mike Richards scored and Jonathan Quick stopped 19 shots for the Kings, who had not lost



Montreal Canadiens, from left, Douglas Murray, Lars Eller, Mike Weaver and goalie Carey Price react as Boston Bruins' Carl Soderberg celebrates the game winning goal by teammate Matt Fraser during the first period overtime in Game 4 in the second round of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs Thursday, May 8, 2014, in Montreal.

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since Game 3 of the first-round series against San Jose, which they stunningly turned around with four-straight wins to snatch a 4-3 victory. □

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Astros beat Tigers 6-2 to snap Detroit's streak

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Dallas Keuchel outpitched college roommate Drew Smyly, and the Houston Astros beat Detroit 6-2 on Thursday to stop the Tigers' eight-game winning streak and end its own five-game skid. Keuchel and Smyly were both on the Arkansas team that reached the College World Series in 2009. Keuchel (3-2) allowed two runs and six hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Houston's George Springer, the 11th overall pick in the 2011 amateur draft, hit his first major league homer in the fifth and Jose Altuve put the Astros ahead 3-2 with a two-run double.

Carlos Corporan and Matt Dominguez also went deep for the Astros. Victor Martinez homered for the Tigers. Smyly (2-2) gave up three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings.

INDIANS 9, TWINS 4

CLEVELAND (AP) — Asdrubal Cabrera had four hits and three RBIs, and Michael Brantley also homered as Cleveland stretched a winning streak to three for the first time season. Cabrera, who entered hitting .215, had a solo homer in the second and RBI doubles in the seventh and eighth. He also

singled in the fifth. Justin Masterson (2-1) allowed four runs — two earned — four hits and four walks in 6 1-3 innings. Kevin Correia (1-4) gave up four runs, eight hits and four walks in 4 1-3 innings for the Twins.

Minnesota played its fourth straight game without first baseman Joe Mauer, who could be headed to the disabled list because of back spasms. Outfielder Sam Fuld was placed on the seven-day DL with concussion-like symptoms, leaving infielder Pedro Florimon as Minnesota's only bench player when the game began.

ORIOLES 3, RAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Steve Pearce hit a two-run homer, Ubaldo Jimenez won his second straight start and Baltimore completed a three-game sweep of Tampa Bay.

Pearce's second homer in three days came off David Price after J.J. Hardy's double in the second inning.

Playing first base in place of injured slugger Chris Davis, Pearce also made an outstanding stretch to catch a throw from Hardy that completed an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the fifth.

Rays manager Joe Mad-



Houston Astros' George Springer watches his solo home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit, Thursday, May 8, 2014.

Associated Press

don challenged the call, but the ruling that Pearce had kept his foot on the bag was confirmed after a 2-minute review.

Nick Markakis extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a single in the third.

MARINERS 1, ROYALS 0

SEATTLE (AP) — Hisashi Iwakuma scattered four

hits over eight innings and Corey Hart hit an RBI single to lift the Mariners, who won for the 11th time in 14 games since losing eight straight from April 15-22.

Iwakuma (2-0) was making his second start after beginning the season on the disabled list with a strained tendon on the middle fin-

ger of his pitching hand. The All-Star right-hander struck out seven and walked none.

Fernando Rodney worked around two walks in the ninth to earn his 10th save in 11 chances.

Danny Duffy (1-3) gave up one run and two hits in six-plus innings. He has allowed two hits and a run in each of his first two starts this season after pitching out of the bullpen to begin the year.

INTERLEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 12, PHILLIES 6

TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion hit two of Toronto's five home runs and the Blue Jays won their eighth consecutive game against Philadelphia.

Juan Francisco, Adam Lind and Colby Rasmus also went deep to help Toronto extend its winning streak to a season-best five games. Encarnacion hit a leadoff shot in the second inning against A.J. Burnett and added a two-run drive off Luis Garcia in the seventh for his 12th career multi-homer game.

Francisco followed Encarnacion's second home run with a shot to center field, his second in two days, as the Blue Jays went back-to-back for the first time this season.



Miami Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton connects for his 11th home run of the season in the 11th inning against the San Diego Padres in a baseball game Thursday, May 8, 2014, in San Diego.

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ATLANTA (AP) — Giancarlo Stanton hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning and the surprising Miami Marlins

earned a rare road win, beating the San Diego Padres 3-1 Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

Stanton lined an 0-2 pitch

from Dale Thayer (2-1) over the right-center fence after Derek Dietrich reached on a two-out error by second baseman Jedd Gyorko. Stanton leads the NL with 11 home runs and tops the majors with 40 RBIs.

Coming off an 8-1 home-stand, the Marlins (20-15) took over sole possession of first place in the NL East for the first time since April 26, 2011. The last time they were five games over .500

was at 31-26 on June 7, 2012, according to STATS. **GIANTS 3, DODGERS 1, 10 INNINGS**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pinch-hitter Hector Sanchez had a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, and San Francisco beat Los Angeles in the opener of a four-game series.

Brandon Belt added an RBI single for the Giants, who tied the score at 1 when Brandon Hicks homered off Josh Beckett in the seventh.

J.P. Howell (1-3) issued a one-out walk in the 11th to Angel Pagan, who advanced on a wild pitch by Jamey Wright before the right-hander walked Hunter Pence and Buster Posey. Sanchez, who came in 1 for 10 as a pinch-hitter with seven strikeouts, flied out to the warning track in right field to drive in Pagan.

Belt followed with a run-scoring single to make it 3-1.

NL Capsules

Stanton's HR lifts Marlins over Padres 3-1 in 11



The Orica Green-Edge team pedals during the first stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Friday May 9, 2014.

Associated Press

Orica wins TTT in Belfast on opening day of Giro d'Italia

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Canadian Svein Tuft powered Orica Green-Edge to victory in the team time trial in Belfast in the opening stage of the Giro d'Italia on Friday, taking the overall leader's pink jersey on his 37th birthday.

Orica, which was the overwhelming stage favorite, clocked a time of 24 minutes, 42 seconds along the 21.7-kilometer (13.5-mile) course, which was lined by more than 140,000 fans. The Australian team benefited from starting second and avoiding most of the rain that fell later.

"What an amazing day, I never in my life would have imagined something like this," Tuft said. "I'm so proud of my team and I just can't thank them enough for that. They gave me the gift, it was really a birthday present. This team is really selfless that way. I feel really fortunate to be given that gift on my birthday." Omega Pharma-QuickStep finished second, five seconds behind Orica, beating third-place BMC by just two seconds. Cadel Evans looked strong for BMC and is one of the favorites after last year's third-place finish. With defending champion Vincenzo Nibali not competing, Tour de France runner-up Nairo Quintana is another of the race favorites and his Movistar team

finished eighth, 55 seconds behind Orica.

One of his rivals, Joaquim Rodriguez, had a poor start as his Katusha team struggled throughout and only finished 19th. Rodriguez is 1 minute, 33 seconds behind Tuft and 38 seconds behind Quintana.

While it has become a tradition for the first Giro stage to be held outside Italy, this is the first time that the Grande Partenza — or the Big Start — took place outside mainland Europe.

Despite the wind and rain, it was a festive atmosphere in the Northern Irish city, with large crowds lining the route and cheering the riders on.

However, Irish rider Dan Martin crashed after just 15 minutes, leaving him with a suspected broken collarbone.

Martin caused the crash when he caught his wheel on a drain cover and went down strongly on his right arm, bringing down several of his Garmin-Sharp teammates.

The four cyclists who were able to continue had to wait for teammate Fabian Wegmann — who had been dropped early on — to catch up with them, as rules stipulate a team has to finish with at least five riders for its time to count. Garmin eventually finished last, 3:26 behind Orica. □



Rafael Nadal from Spain returns the ball during a Madrid Open tennis tournament match against Tomas Berdych from Czech Republic in Madrid, Spain, Friday, May 9, 2014.

Associated Press

Nadal finds clay form to reach Madrid semifinals

PAUL LOGOTHETIS

AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — Defending champion Rafael Nadal gave his clay-court dol-drum a boost by reaching the Madrid Open semifinals on Friday with a dominant performance against Thomas Berdych.

In the women's tournament, two-time defending champion Serena Williams withdrew with a leg injury, while Maria Sharapova ousted Li Na in the quarterfinals.

The top-ranked Nadal had lost his previous two quarterfinal matches on clay for his worst run on the surface in a decade. But buoyed on by a partisan crowd, Nadal overpowered Berdych 6-4, 6-2 to advance at the Magic Box.

"I brought great energy and intensity to it and that's the best news, that it's my best (on clay) yet," Nadal said. "The things that, historically, I've done well on this surface I managed to do them again today."

Nadal has been improving with every match in Madrid after losing at the quarterfinals stage in preceding tournaments in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

But he showed no sign of the nerves that had uncharacteristically crept into the game of the most successful clay-court player ever as he pushed Berdych to the corners and punished him with a powerful forehand that accounted for 16 of his winners.

"My play is good when I'm hitting my forehand well, especially on clay," said Nadal, who is vying for his third title in the Spanish capital. "In Monte Carlo I used my backhand more and not my forehand, and when I have to hit five or six backhands in a row it doesn't help my game." Berdych, who dropped to 3-18 against Nadal, couldn't keep up in the hot sun beating down on Manolo Santana center court.

Nadal faces countryman Roberto Bautista Agut after the 45th-ranked player beat Colombia's Santiago Giraldo 6-3, 6-4. David Ferrer followed Bautista Agut's victory with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 win over Ernests Gulbis to become the third Spaniard in the semis.

Kei Nishikori prevented an all-Spanish lineup in the final four by beating Felicia

no Lopez 6-4, 6-4 in the late match.

The win also ensures that he will become the first Japanese player to break into the top 10 when the new world rankings are released on Monday. Nishikori remained undefeated on clay this season in nine matches after winning the Barcelona Open title.

The top-ranked Williams has had her left thigh heavily bandaged this week and said she injured it during a first-round victory over Belinda Bencic on Sunday.

"It started to get better but, most importantly right now, I just need some time to rest and recover. It's beyond words. It's so frustrating," Williams said in a statement. "This is not the way I wanted this week to end."

The withdrawal gave 2011 champion Petra Kvitova a walkover and a spot in the semifinals.

The 32-year-old Williams said the injury would not keep her out of the French Open, with the defending champion tweeting she would play in Rome next week before the second Grand Slam of the season starts on May 25. □

Researcher: technology not to blame for teen woes

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Danah Boyd has made a name for herself at the research division of Microsoft for painstaking work examining social media, Big Data and the tension between public and private lives, but it's her teens'-eye view of the digital world that sets her apart.

Now, Boyd has written her first book, "It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens," out in February from Yale University Press and available for free on her website, Danah.org. Earlier this year, she added another accomplishment to her list: mom.

Boyd interviewed more than 150 teens from a range of backgrounds for the book, also relying on extensive research on all aspects of their digital lives. Five questions for Danah Boyd:

AP: What do parents need to understand about the online lives of teens?

Boyd: They need to realize that young people are doing the same things online as we all did as kids in other places where we gathered with our friends. They're hanging out. They're messing around with each other.

They're socializing. They're flirting. They're gossiping. They're joking around, and much of this is perfectly reasonable teen stuff. Some of it is problematic.

Some of it is glorious.

But the kinds of places young people used to gather are no longer accessible for a variety of reasons.

The first is a level of fear and anxiety that exists, the result of 24-7 news, where there's a sense that there's terrible things happening to kids everywhere. We've transferred all that fear and anxiety to their online lives, but to them it's a release valve, to finally find a place where they can hang out. It's not that they're addicted to the technology. It's that they want a place where their friends are.

AP: You write that too many young people live genuinely high-risk lives, but you conclude that most of those risks do not originate with technology. Can you explain?

Boyd: There are young people who are living high-risk lives, period, end of story. They are being abused every day at home. There are young people who are struggling with poverty, with addiction, with mental health struggles. They make that visible online.

One of the challenges becomes how do we intervene to help them? Unfortunately what we tend to do is we try to make the Internet go away instead. We hope that if we make the visibility go away, the problem will go away. But that's not true.

AP: Why do young people



This undated image released by Danah Boyd shows Boyd, author of "It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens."

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share so publicly?

Boyd: Young people are trying to be IN public, but that doesn't mean that they want to BE public, and that distinction is really important. There's a mistaken understanding that they want everything about themselves to be recorded forever, and that's not true at all.

They're really frustrated when all of this material is stored away and gets them into trouble.

Young people face an unprecedented level of surveillance. Not just by the institutions of power, but by their parents. Most of them are sitting there going, 'Why do these people feel

like they have a right to be in my business?'

AP: Can you explain social steganography?

Boyd: It's actually an old cryptography term. It basically is the notion of hiding in plain sight.

So the old notion is that Greeks used to tattoo messages on the heads of their slaves, let their hair grow out and then send them off to places, and only if you knew where to look would you know where the message lies.

What's really funny is that young people have started encoding everything they're putting up online, so you can read it literally but you have no idea what

it means. It's a song lyric but you don't know the reference because the reference is really about the friends who got together last weekend and they had a cool in-joke for which the song was playing and hahahaha.

... Just because you have access to the content doesn't mean you have access to the meaning. It's never been the case that parents got to listen to everything, but the thing is parents have demanded now that they have the right to listen to everything. I think it's a little ironic that teenagers are using the same tactics as political dissidents. □

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Dow inches to record as earnings reports wind down

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average hit a record on Friday, but without much conviction after a choppy day of trading during which investors couldn't make up their minds whether to buy or sell.

The blue-chip index flitted between small gains and losses at least a half-dozen times, and ended up beating its old record set last week by less than 2.5 points, or just 0.02 percent. "The market is having trouble finding direction here," said David Kelley, JPMorgan Funds' chief global strategist.

But he added, "I believe for the rest of the year, a warming economy ... will push the market up." The Standard & Poor's 500 index also eked out a gain, but is no higher than it was in early March, after waffling between weekly gains and losses most of that time.

On Friday, stocks fell broadly from the open as

investors took in the latest corporate earnings reports. It was an odd day in which winners became losers, and vice versa.

Stocks of utilities have been in favor lately because of their stable earnings and fat dividends, but investors dumped them Friday, and they closed 1.4 percent lower. That was the biggest drop of the S&P 500's ten sectors.

By contrast, a few big-name Internet stocks that had been crushed in a recent sell-off in that industry managed healthy gains. Netflix announced it was raising prices for new subscribers of its streaming video service and investors cheered, lifting its stock 2 percent.

Tesla Motors and LinkedIn, both down more than 10 percent since April, rose 2 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively.

The Dow edged up 32.37 points for the day, or 0.2 percent, to 16,583.34. That narrowly beat its previous record high of 16,580.84 set on April 30.

The S&P 500 index rose 2.85 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,878.48. The Nasdaq composite rose 20.37 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,071.87.

Mixed messages from earnings reports left investors

without clear direction.

CBS fell \$1.27, or 2 percent, to \$56.74 after reporting late Thursday that its first-quarter revenue had fallen short of analysts' projections. Sales from advertising

slumped 12 percent.

Ralph Lauren dropped \$3.18, or 2 percent, to \$148.81 after its forecast for sales for the current quarter disappointed investors. Hilton Worldwide Holdings



Specialist Joseph Dreyer, left, works with traders at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones industrial average hit a record on Friday, but without much conviction after a choppy day of trading during which investors couldn't make up their minds whether to buy or sell.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Netflix raises prices by a \$1 for new subscribers

MICHAEL LIETKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Netflix is raising its Internet video prices by \$1 per month for new customers and giving its current U.S. subscribers a two-year break from the higher rates.

The changes mean anyone signing up for Netflix's video subscription service beginning Friday will pay \$9 per month for in the U.S. The old price of \$8 per month will continue until May 2016 for Netflix's existing 36 million U.S. subscribers.

The price increase, Netflix's first in nearly three years, isn't a surprise. The Los Gatos, California-based company disclosed its plans to raise its rates last month without specifying the precise amount.

Netflix Inc. says its needs more money so it can afford to pay for more original programming along the lines of its Emmy award-

winning political drama "House of Cards" and critically acclaimed series "Orange Is the New Black." The emphasis on video

alent of Time Warner Inc.'s HBO cable network.

By delaying the price increase for current subscribers, Netflix hopes to avoid

800,000 customers within a few months in an exodus that alarmed investors, causing Netflix's stock to plunge by more than 80 percent in a year. Netflix eventually lured back subscribers and revived its customer growth, lifting its stock to record highs earlier this year.

Netflix's stock rose \$2.65 to \$324.31 in early afternoon trading Friday. The shares have fallen by 13 percent so far this year.

Prices for Netflix's rapidly shrinking DVD-by-mail service aren't changing. Those rates range from \$5 to \$20 per month, depending on how many DVDs are being rented and whether a Blu-ray option is included. Netflix ended March with 6.7 million DVD subscribers, a nearly 50 percent drop from 2 1/2 years ago.

New Internet video customers can avoid the higher price if they are willing to settle for a little less clarity and flexibility. □

rose 43 cents, or 2 percent, to \$23.07 after exceeding analysts' expectation for earnings. And Gap rose \$1.28, or 3 percent, \$40.52. The clothes store chain reported strong sales for April and issued a forecast for the current quarter that was better than investors were expecting.

With most companies out with their results, first-quarter earnings for the S&P 500 are expected to rise 3.4 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ. That's a respectable performance but still down from a nearly 8 percent gain in the fourth quarter.

Companies reporting earnings next week include Macy's, Deere & Co., Cisco Systems and Wal-Mart and Nordstrom.

Investors were also watching the situation in Ukraine. On Friday, fierce fighting in eastern Ukraine left at least seven dead. Pro-Russian militants are pressing ahead with plans for an independence referendum this weekend despite objections from Moscow. □



A person displays Netflix on a tablet in North Andover, Mass. Netflix is raising its Internet video prices by \$1 per month for new customers and giving its current U.S. subscribers a two-year break from the higher rates.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

that can only been seen on Netflix has become a major drawing card for the company as it strives to create the Internet's equiv-

the backlash that it faced in 2011 when it raised its prices by as much as 60 percent.

The company lost about

Stewart Column: Morgan Stanley still the bank of choice across Silicon Valley

JAMES B. STEWART

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The Wall Street analyst-turned-blogger Henry Blodget called it "a disaster." The Wall Street Journal labeled it a "botched offering." And after Facebook's much-criticized initial public offering in May 2012, Morgan Stanley's vaunted technology investment banking team, the lead underwriter on the deal, looked as if it were down for the count.

When Twitter, the next big social media phenomenon to go public, named Goldman Sachs its lead underwriter for its November 2013 offering, the asset manager Jeffrey Sica told Bloomberg, "I would imagine that Goldman will be the underwriter of choice for tech companies in the near future." In striking contrast to Facebook's debut, Twitter's offering was hailed as a model one.

How things have changed. After plunging in their early days of trading, Facebook shares took over a year to regain their offering price. But by this week, they'd gained nearly 50 percent, and patient investors in the initial public offering have been rewarded. The much-maligned offering price now looks right on target.

Twitter shares, on the other hand, took off quickly out of the gate. In their first trade, on Nov. 7, 2013, they opened at \$45.10 a share. But they have since fallen off, trading below \$33.

And despite dire predictions post-Facebook, Morgan Stanley is firmly ensconced at the top of the closely watched league tables for technology deals, which track investment banking performance. Since Facebook went public, Morgan Stanley has been involved in 47 technology public offerings with a total value of \$23.4 billion. (JPMorgan Chase is second by dollar value and Goldman Sachs third.)

That doesn't count the Alibaba megaoffering scheduled for this summer, which was announced this week. Morgan Stanley is one of five investment banks chosen to underwrite the deal for the company, which operates China's biggest website and online shopping platform. (The banks were listed alphabetically in the registration filings in an unusual underwriter-of-equals arrangement.)

Sica conceded that his prediction didn't pan out. "I guess it shows that time heals all wounds," he said. "Facebook was a learning experience for Morgan Stanley and since then, they've embraced their big distribution network of retail brokers. That's an advantage that Goldman doesn't have."

All of which amounts to a long-awaited vindication for Morgan Stanley's West Coast technology team, which is led by Michael Grimes, 47, who has been with Morgan Stanley for 19 years.

"We knew that staying focused on delivering for clients was more important than ever given the volatile market," he told me this week. While the bad press was painful, he cited to colleagues the Rudyard Kipling poem "If," which begins,

If you can keep your head when all about you

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you.

Others said that rehabilitating Morgan Stanley's reputation took a sustained effort.

Things were so bad in the weeks after the Facebook offering that the firm's chief executive, James Gorman, went on CNBC to defend the firm's role in the deal, and told employees in a webcast that they "should be proud of the job your colleagues did."

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Report: Apple to buy Beats for \$3.2B

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple is orchestrating a \$3.2 billion acquisition of Beats Electronics, the headphone maker and music streaming distributor founded by hip-hop star Dr. Dre and music industry impresario Jimmy Iovine,

cannot agree on some final details.

Both Apple Inc. and Beats Electronics declined to comment to The Associated Press.

The potential acquisition would add Beats Electronics' popular line of headphones and music streaming service to an Apple line-

from other companies, reflecting Apple's confidence in its ability to turn its own ideas into revolutionary products such as the Mac computer, the iPod, the iPhone and the iPad.

But Apple hasn't released a breakthrough product since its former CEO and chief visionary, Steve Jobs,



Beats Audio equipment is arranged for a photo next to an Apple laptop at Best Buy in Boston. Apple is orchestrating a \$3.2 billion acquisition of Beats Electronics, the headphone maker and music streaming distributor founded by hip-hop star Dr. Dre and record producer Jimmy Iovine, according to a Financial Times report published late Thursday, May 8, 2014.

(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

according to a published report.

Citing people familiar with the negotiations, The Financial Times says Apple could announce the deal as early as next week. In its report posted online late Thursday, the newspaper warned the talks could still collapse if the two sides

up that already includes digital music players and the iTunes store, the world's top music retailer.

If the deal is completed, it would be by far the largest purchase in Apple Inc.'s 38-year history.

The Cupertino company has traditionally seen little need to buy technology

died in October 2011. The innovative void has increased the pressure on Jobs' hand-picked successor, Tim Cook, to prove he is capable of sustaining the success and growth that turned Apple into the world's most valuable company and a beloved brand. □

US oil price remains flat for week

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - The price of oil slipped Friday to just under \$100 a barrel, leaving crude nearly flat for the week.

Benchmark U.S. crude for June delivery fell 27 cents to close at \$99.99 in New York. The contract ended last week at \$99.76.

Brent crude, a benchmark for international varieties of oil used by many U.S. refineries, declined 15 cents to close at \$107.89 in London.

Crude supplies in the U.S. fell this week, which surprised traders and gave

some support to prices. But supplies remain ample and refineries are pumping out enough fuel to meet demand. That suggests refineries won't need to quickly draw down supplies in the coming weeks. Overseas demand for crude appears muted and supplies are plentiful, but worries over the political turmoil in the Ukraine and continued disruption of oil exports from Libya have kept Brent prices up.

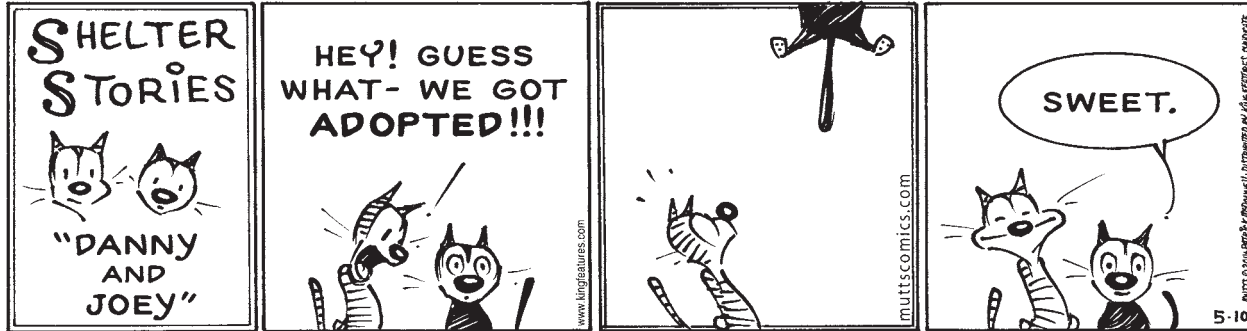
"Libya's two most important oil terminals, Ras Lanuf and Es Sider, will remain shut for the foreseeable

future which is likely to continue to severely hamper the supply of oil," said analysts at Commerzbank in Frankfurt in a note to clients.

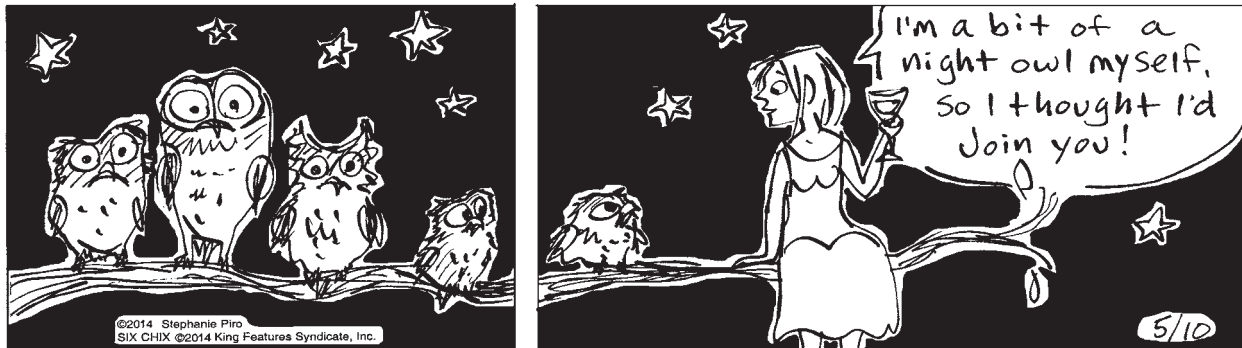
Pro-Russian insurgents in eastern Ukraine are planning a referendum on independence over the weekend, in apparent defiance of a call by Russian President Vladimir Putin to put off the vote.

Traders worry Russian energy exports could be interrupted if further instability in Ukraine results in stronger Western sanctions against Russia. □

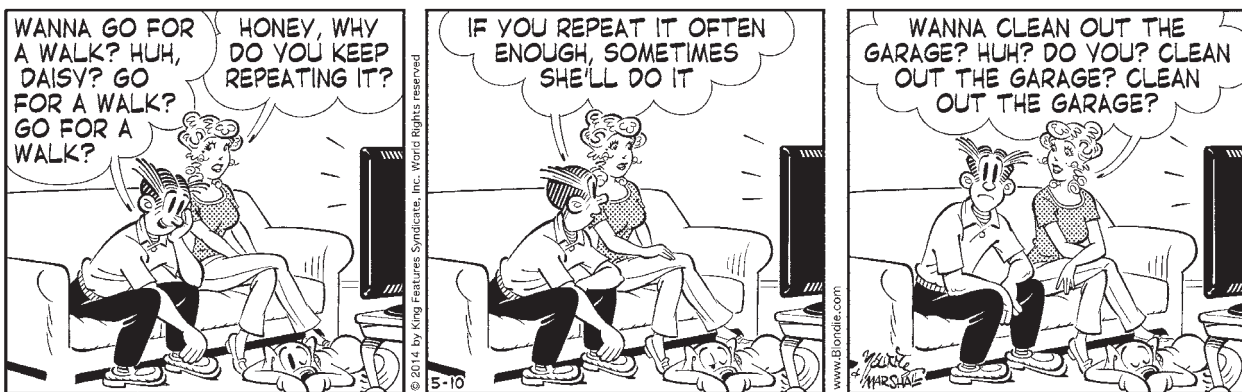
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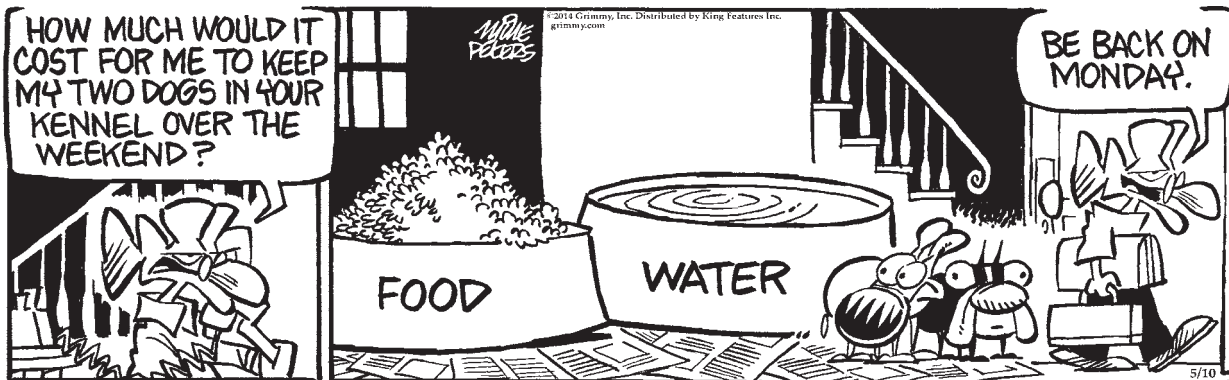
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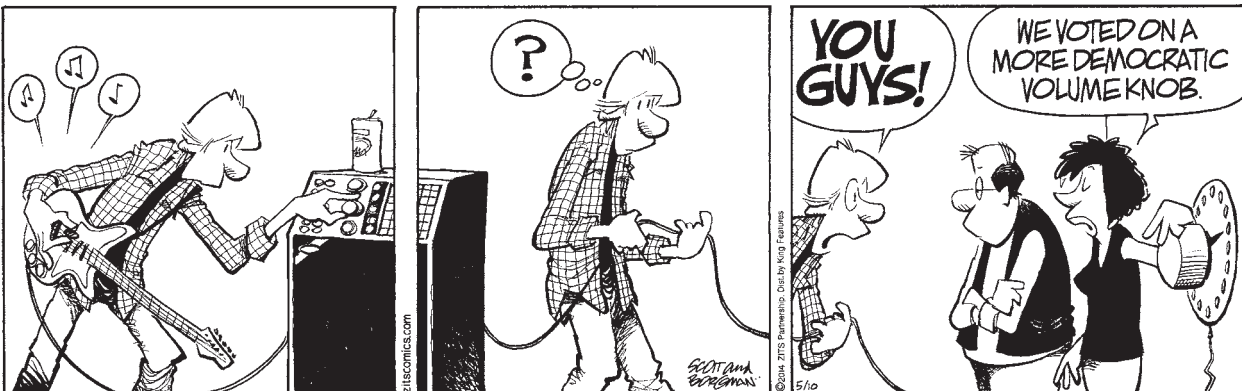
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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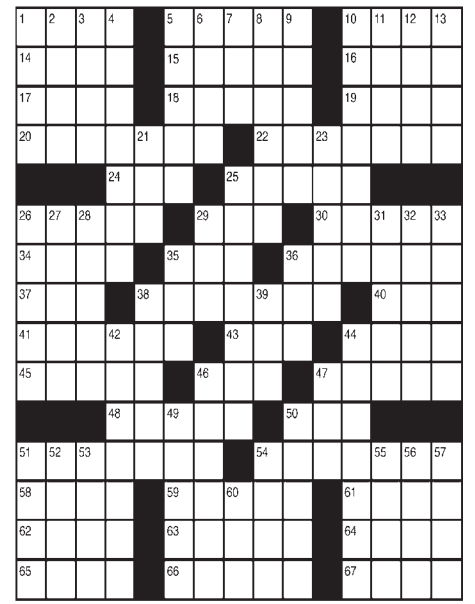
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Morgan Stanley still the bank of choice across Silicon Valley

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A former executive involved in the effort, who did not want to be named discussing former colleagues, recalled: "It was a media tidal wave. None of us were prepared for that. Our tech guys were shaken and bruised. Can you blame them? The whole world was pointing at them. Our competitors were aggressively bad-mouthing us. Henry Blodget went on TV criticizing us, beating the drums. I spent a lot of time with clients, reassuring them, explaining that Morgan Stanley had acted properly."

Blodget, co-founder and editor-in-chief of the website Business Insider, now seems to have softened his tone. In 2012, he called the Facebook deal a "disaster," and wrote, "The main problem with the IPO was that investors paid way too much for the stock." He told me this week: "Morgan Stanley is a great firm. I never had any question about that."

Facebook, he added, "was priced very well given demand at the time." But, he said, "Big institutional investors got very important information that little investors didn't get. That's undeniable. Morgan Stanley said they followed the rules to a T, which may be true, but in that case, the rules are ludicrous because small investors didn't

get the same information." Morgan Stanley declined to comment.

Several clients said Morgan Stanley's success with three offerings in the months after Facebook - for Palo Alto Networks, Kayak and Workday - at a time when others were warning that Facebook had ruined

Stanley had the courage to test the waters with us," he said.

He continued, "There was a lot of criticism in the popular press, and a lot of it was spread by the competition." But he told me, "It didn't have much effect on us. Morgan Stanley doesn't do 100 percent of

underwriter in initial public offerings for Apple, Cisco, Google and Salesforce.com. Alongside Grimes, there are Paul Chamberlain (26 years at the firm), Andrew Kearns (16 years), Drew Guevara (19 years) and Colin Stewart (26 years), which is remarkable longevity for a team at one



The Morgan Stanley logo is displayed on its Times Square building in New York City. Despite dire predictions post-Facebook, Morgan Stanley is firmly ensconced at the top of the closely watched league tables for technology deals, which track investment banking performance.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

the prospects for public offerings, sent a powerful message that the firm's technology franchise was still functioning. Jim Goetz, a venture capitalist at Sequoia Capital, is a board member at Palo Alto Networks and was involved in choosing Morgan Stanley for all three deals. "Morgan

our deals, but they're the dominant player in tech and have been for decades. There's no other team with their depth of experience. It's not just Grimes. They have a deep bench."

Among milestones in the history of Silicon Valley, Morgan Stanley was the lead

firm. They survived the departure of the prominent technology banker Frank Quattrone and criticism of Google's 2004 public offering in a complicated "Dutch auction." And the bankers stuck by Morgan Stanley when the firm was teetering during the financial crisis. □

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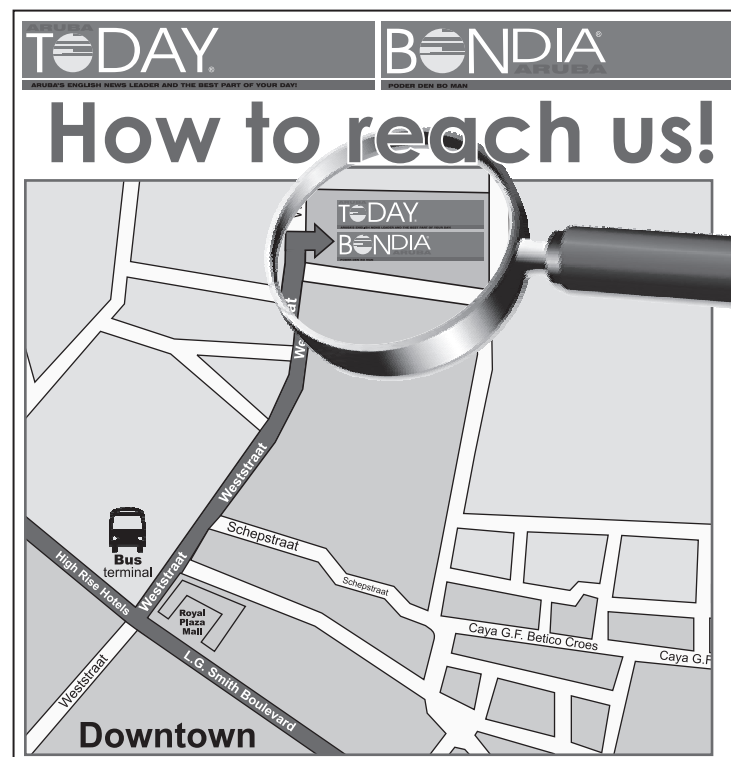
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Scientists still working to identify 9/11 victims

VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of vacuum-sealed plastic pouches filled with bits of bone rest in a Manhattan laboratory. These are the last unidentified fragments of the people who died in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

On Saturday, the 7,930 pouches are to be moved in a solemn procession from the city medical examiner's office to the new trade center site. They will be kept in a bedrock repository 70 feet (21 meters) underground in the new Sept. 11 Memorial Museum that opens May 21.

The remains will be accessible only to families of the dead and to the forensic scientists who are still trying to match the bone slivers to DNA from the more than 1,000 victims who never came home and have never been identified.

"Our commitment to return the remains to the families is as great today as it was in 2001," says Mark Desire, who oversees the four-member World Trade Center team in the city's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The death toll stemming from the attacks at the World Trade Center stands at 2,753. Of those, 1,115 victims, or 41 percent,



In this April 15, 2014 photo, Mark Desire, right, assistant director for forensic biology at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, speaks as a criminalist, training in forensic science, prepares sample bone fragments for DNA testing at the training lab, in New York.

Associated Press

have not been identified through a DNA match to items provided by families — toothbrushes, combs, clothing or swabs from relatives.

With ever-advancing technology yielding results that were impossible a dozen years ago, the unique genetic code gleaned from the bits of bone is the only hope for families waiting for anything tangible to officially confirm what they already know: Their loved one is dead.

In some cases, scientists have gone back to the same bone fragment 10 or 15 times, using new

technology to attempt to extract DNA diminished by fire, sunlight, bacteria and even the jet fuel that poured through the towers. The painstaking process involves pulverizing the bone fragments, adding a special chemical to the powder and then spinning it all in a centrifuge to break open the bone cells so DNA can be extracted. Then comes the last, critical step — looking to match it to an item with the victim's DNA provided by families — part of the medical examiner's collection of 17,000 contributions.

Four new identifications were made this past year. Family members have long endorsed the ongoing identification process, even as some protested this weekend's move of the remains to the museum site, which they fear could be prone to flooding.

"Don't put them in the basement," Rosemary Cain, who lost her firefighter son at the trade center, said at a protest Thursday. "Give them respect so 3,000 souls can rest in peace."

Other victims' families support the move, saying the repository is a fitting site for the remains.

"It will show the world the way we treat our dead," Lee Ielpi, who lost his son in the attacks, said earlier in the week. "Let's get them back to the site."

By December, the latest technology will have been applied to every remnant in the medical examiner's possession, exhausting the available methods. Desire said that as new technology becomes available, the efforts to identify the fragments will continue indefinitely.

The question is: How long

and at what cost will the forensic team keep working to identify these last 9/11 remains? The team's annual salary budget is \$230,000, plus costs for follow-up work by other scientists and staff.

Charles Strozier, founding director of the Center on Terrorism at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said that work must continue "because our relationship to the Sept. 11 disaster hinges on being able to identify and pay respects to those who died."

"The World Trade Center attack was more cruel than death usually is, because some people were simply incinerated and those remains went into the air," Strozier said.

For Desire, it's not just a grim scientific task — it's personal.

He was under the still-standing towers minutes after the two hijacked planes hit them, having rushed down with the then-chief medical examiner, Dr. Charles Hirsch. As the towers toppled, the men were struck and bloodied by falling glass and debris. "It's a service and an honor, working on something that has transformed American history," he said. □



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Hamm gets Don Draper wax figure at Madame Tussauds



Jon Hamm, right, poses with his wax likeness at an unveiling at Madame Tussauds on Friday, May 9, 2014 in New York.

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ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — What's the first thing Jon Hamm did when he saw his wax figure unveiled Friday at New York's Madame Tussauds?

Took a selfie, of course.

"That's a no-brainer. I'm probably not done doing that either," he told The Associated Press.

The wax figure is decked out in a debonair-looking grey suit. Ironically, Hamm, who stars in the AMC drama "Mad Men," arrived at the unveiling wearing a grey suit.

"This is happenstance, but it is kind of crazy how kind of identical we decided to dress. I'm referring to him as a human being as if he dressed himself," he said. Hamm said he posed for the figure last year. It took months to craft the figure. As Hamm posed for photos next to the figure, he also joked about the stoic expression on the mannequin saying "a lot of people would say this kind of describes my acting (on 'Mad Men')." A lot of waxy stares, a lot of silent brooding." Hamm was joined by his longtime girlfriend, actress Jennifer Westfeldt, who kept marveling at how uncanny the figure looked

like him.

The 43-year-old actor is in the middle of a publicity blitz for his new movie, "Million Dollar Arm," which opens May 16. "Mad Men" is airing the first part of its seventh and final season.

Patricia Heaton talks about career, motherhood

MIKE CIDONI LENNOX
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For Patricia Heaton, the last 20 years appear to have been a motherhood marathon. "You can see where people might think that," says the Emmy-winning actress, who played the long-suffering wife and mother of three on the CBS comedy "Everybody Loves Raymond." Heaton, 56, stars as the matriarch on ABC's "The Middle." And Heaton and her actor-husband, David Hunt, are part of the ensemble cast in the family comedy "Moms' Night Out," now in theaters. Oh yes, Heaton and Hunt have four sons, ages 15 to 20. So, bring on that tidal wave of Mother's Day memories. "Zero Mother's Day memories," Heaton says, smiling. "I don't really have any

Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt ponder screen reunion

LONDON (AP) — Angelina Jolie says she plans to cut back on movie roles to concentrate on her humanitarian work, though she is mulling an onscreen reunion with partner Brad Pitt. Attending a Kensington Palace costume event for her new Disney movie "Maleficent" with Pitt, Jolie told reporters that "we are thinking about it." They haven't appeared in a movie together since "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" in 2005. But she said at a press conference Friday that her

priority was her work as an envoy for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative.

She said acting was "going to be taking more of a back seat."

"I'm sure there will be a few more films. But I am happy I am able to be selective and have fun with characters like this but I would



Actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie pose for photographers as they arrive for the Maleficent exhibit in Kensington Gardens, London, Thursday, May 8, 2014.

Associated Press

like to focus on writing and directing and above all I would like to focus more on my work with the U.N. and PSVI," Jolie said.

Jolie was joined by Pitt and 12-year-old son Maddox on the blue carpet for Thursday evening's "Maleficent" event.

Jolie plays the eponymous sorceress in the fairy-tale film, which was also a

family affair. The couple's 5-year-old daughter Vivienne makes her screen debut as the young Sleeping Beauty.

Jolie said she loved bringing her kids on set: "They lived on the fairy mound. They hung out with Elle (Fanning). It was magic."

"Maleficent" is out in Britain on May 28 and in the U.S. on May 30.



In this June 20, 2011 file photo, actress Patricia Heaton poses at the inaugural Critics' Choice Television Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. Heaton now stars as the matriarch on the ABC sitcom "The Middle."

Associated Press

get into the zeitgeist," she says. "I think it's just more of a low-key kind of humor." Heaton says "Moms' Night

Out" is a film about families. "It's kind of where I live now in my life, with my kids."

Spike Lee wants to adapt 1986 film for television



This April 29, 2014 file photo shows filmmaker and avid basketball fan Spike Lee at a news conference by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver in New York announcing that Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling has been banned for life by the league. Associated Press

JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Spike Lee says his wife persuaded him to adapt his 1986 film, "She's Gotta Have It," for television.

"For years, my wife Tonya (Lewis) kept telling me, 'That would make a great TV show,'" Lee said in an interview Thursday night. "Then I went to Showtime with the first initial meeting and we sold the idea. That's not something that happens every day."

Lee wants to adapt the movie into a half-hour comedy series. The original story focused on a woman's relationship with three men, exploring the issues of race, sexuality and gentrification in the neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York.

The film was a breakthrough project for Lee, and helped ignite the independent film movement.

Lee expects to take a contemporary look at the characters and plot for the adaptation. He's working on the pilot and feels confident about creating a

strong script.

Showtime will decide whether the show gets picked up.

"I've always been confident in my ability, but it's not to be my decision alone," said the 57-year-old Lee. "All I can do is write the best pilot I can write. Hopefully, God willing, the people and powers-to-be at Showtime can say, 'We like it Spike, let's shoot the pilot.'"

Lee has also finished the script and is seeking more financial backing for the sequel to his 1988 film, "School Daze," based on life at Atlanta's historically black colleges.

He said he wants to explore the current issues faced by black college students.

"Anytime I walk the streets, people say how much they like to see them (the colleges) again," he said. "It'll be very interesting to revisit Mission College 25 years later. It's different than what students were dealing with in 1988 when that film came out. The world has changed." □



This image released by Open Road Films shows John Leguizamo, from left, Emjay Anthony and John Favreau in a scene from "Chef." Associated Press

Favreau dishes on how to make a good foodie film

JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The way Jon Favreau sees it, the world is divided into people who are interested in food, and people who aren't.

"And I," he declares, "am a member of the former category."

That will be obvious to anyone who watches this weekend's new film "Chef," which Favreau wrote, stars in, and directed, and which displays food in a luxurious, almost religious way. Critics have, perhaps justifiably, noted a lack of complexity in both plot and characters, and an overly sunny denouement. But one can't deny the film's appeal to the taste buds.

Even a simple grilled cheese sandwich, meticulously prepared by a father for his young son, is almost too delicious to look at, and evokes immediate empathy for this divorced dad trying to make a connection with his child in the most elemental way: through his stomach.

And it makes ours growl. Which is what Favreau was going for.

"There's something hypnotic to me when I watch food being prepared on a cooking show, or in 'Eat Drink Man Woman,'" he says, referring to the 1994 Ang Lee foodie classic. "There's something incredibly compelling and cinematic about it. And it's amazing that it can actually make your mouth water."

Not all food films make the mouth water. Another entry this year, the recent "Tasting Menu," based at a fictional restaurant in Spain, fell curiously short in that regard. (Later this summer comes "The Hundred-Foot Journey," starring Helen Mirren.)

Of the many delectable contenders, besides the Lee film, foodies still swoon when they think of "Babette's Feast," "Big Night," or the animated "Ratatouille," which culminates in the glorious preparation of that simple vegetable dish in the title.

Likewise, "Chef" comes down to a simple dish: the Cuban sandwich.

Carl Casper (Favreau) is a gifted but volatile chef at a swank Los Angeles restaurant. His boss (Dustin Hoff-

man), orders him to play it safe on the very night a major food critic is coming. Reluctantly, he does, and predictably gets excoriated by the critic.

Things go way downhill, and Casper is fired. He rebuilds his life by going back to basics: sprucing up a filthy old truck and turning it into a temple for the perfect Cuban sandwich.

There's a popular view that Casper the chef is really Favreau the director, and the risk-averse restaurant owner a big studio honcho — and "Chef," an independent film, the food truck. Favreau, who directed the "Iron Man" films, says that's only partly true — he actually loves both genres.

Yet it's clear "Chef" is a labor of love for Favreau, who confesses that he was so inspired during filming, he's installing a full commercial kitchen in his home, including a wood-burning pizza oven, a flat-top grill and maybe one day even an outdoor smoker, for succulent brisket.

Still, making food work at home is different than making it work onscreen. How do you do THAT? □

Go Big, Get Crazy



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Up to now, Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has been playing a weak hand in Ukraine very well. I mean, how strong are you when your allies insist on wearing masks? But Putin thinks he knows his adversaries better than they know themselves. He thinks the Americans will never be serious about energy, that the Europeans will never be serious about sanctions, that the Ukrainian reformers will never be serious about governance, and that he can control the separatist forces he's unleashed in eastern Ukraine and dial them up or down as he pleases.

The outcome of the Ukraine crisis rides primarily on whether he is right about all this. How's his bet going so far?

There has been much talk about President Barack Obama's "leadership" of late. All I know is that, if Obama wants it, Ukraine provides him an ideal legacy leadership opportunity. With one initiative he could simultaneously make America stronger, Putin weaker, the planet healthier and our grandchildren safer.

Since we've ruled out sending troops, our short-term ability to influence Putin has to rely on targeted sanctions. But the serious way to weaken Putin, whose economy and government budget is hugely dependent on \$100-plus-a-barrel-oil, is with an American domestic grand bargain on energy that unleashes forces that, over time, begin to affect the global price and availability of oil and gas.

Obama should summon the congressional leadership to Camp David and put his own plan on the table: Offer the Republicans the Keystone XL pipeline, expanded oil drilling and fracking (but only at the highest environmental standards) and, in return, demand a revenue-neutral carbon tax, a national renewable portfolio standard that would require every utility in America to gradually introduce more renewable power, and a national California-level home building code for energy efficiency. I would also toss in incentives for expanding the share of nuclear power in our energy mix. I hate Keystone, which brings disgusting tar sands oil from Canada, and I worry about fracking at low environmental standards, but I'd take this deal in a second because, soon enough, a proper carbon tax would make oil from tar sands uneconomical, and fracking that is paired with a renewable portfolio standard would ensure that natural gas replaces coal, not solar, wind and other renewables.

The White House just released a study that found the effects of human-induced climate change impacting every corner of our country, not to mention the world. So such a grand bargain could not be a more timely and necessary win-win-win strategy. It would simultaneously increase our leverage against Putin and Mother Nature. And it would drive a suite of technologies down their cost-curves so we can deploy them at scale and ensure that America is the leader in the next great global industry: clean technology. Obama should throw caution to the wind and go big. If Republicans won't meet him even halfway on this (yes, I know, unlikely) it would expose them as unwilling to do the things that would meaningfully deter Putin, not to mention buy some insurance against climate change with policies that would make us stronger and healthier even if climate change turns out to be milder.

Go big, Mr. President. Get crazy. But, as I said, Putin thinks he knows us better than we know ourselves, that we are all hat and no cattle. He is not without reason: For decades, both parties in America have failed to develop an energy strategy, and we've paid for it - with oil price shocks, wars, pollution and climate change. Are we forever condemned to be takers, not makers, of energy policy?

And Putin thinks he knows the Europeans better, since so many are beneficiaries of his oil and gas. So far, Europe's response has been more hand-wringing about Putin than neck-wringing of Putin. They talk softly and carry a big baguette. The Ukrainian reformers, too, have a huge role to play. They must find a way to conduct free and fair elections in as much of Ukraine as possible on May 25 and then quickly move to parliamentary elections and constitutional reform to put in place the basis for decent governance. The last thing Putin wants is a fairly elected reformist government in Kiev that would have the legitimacy to associate Ukraine with the European Union. Therefore, it's the first thing Ukrainians must do.

But Putin needs to beware. The separatist allies he ginned up with his agents and Goebbels-scale propaganda campaign in eastern Ukraine could spin out of control. The Putin-inspired separatists could persuade western Ukraine that there is no future with the East, and Kiev might just let them all fall into Putin's lap - and economic responsibility. Putin may think he's Superman, but, the fact is, America, Europe and the Ukrainian reformers collectively have the ability to generate the Kryptonite that would render him powerless: European unity, Ukrainian government legitimacy and U.S. energy. Those are the things of which he is most afraid. What they all have in common, though, is that they're hard, entail serious choices and will require extraordinary leadership to achieve. So watch all these fronts. I can assure you that Putin is. □



It's Time To Burn That Beret



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WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky says she would meet me for a drink.

I'm game.

In her new meditation in Vanity Fair, Monica mashes Hawthorne and Coleridge, proclaiming that she's ready to rip off her "scarlet-A albatross," "reimagine" her identity and reclaim her narrative.

At long last, she says, she wants to "burn the beret and bury the blue dress" and get unstuck from "the horrible image" of an intern who messed around with the president in the pantry off the Oval Office, spilled the details to the wrong girlfriend and sparked a crazy impeachment scandal. I wish her luck. Though she's striking yet another come-hither pose in the magazine, there's something poignant about a 40-year-old frozen like a fly in amber for something reckless she did in her 20s, while the unbreakable Clintons bulldoze ahead. Besides, with the Clinton restoration barreling toward us and stretching as far as the eye can see to President Chelsea, we could all use a drink.

The last time I encountered Monica was at the Bombay Club, a restaurant nestled between my office and the White House. It was at the height of the impeachment madness, and she was drinking a Cosmo at a table with her family. After requesting that the piano player play "Send in the Clowns," she leaned in with me, demanding to know why

I wrote such "scathing" pieces about her.

My columns targeted the panting Peeping Tom Ken Starr and the Clintons and their henchmen, for their wicked attempt to protect the First Couple's political viability by smearing the intern as a nutty and slutty stalker. I did think Monica could skip posing for cheesecake photos in Vanity Fair while in the middle of a plea bargain. But I felt sorry for her. She had propelled herself into that most loathed stereotype (except by Helen Gurley Brown): the over-ripe office vixen who seduces her married boss. Feminists turned on her to protect a president with progressive policies on women. Monica bristled with confidence when she talked to me, but then she retreated to the ladies' room and had a meltdown on her cell-phone with Judy Smith. Smith would go on to fame and fortune as a co-executive producer on Shonda Rhimes' "Scandal," which focuses on Kerry Washington's Olivia Pope, a blend of Judy, who was an African-American crisis manager, and her client Monica, who had an affair with the president.

Washington journalists fawned over the stars of "Scandal" last weekend at the White House Correspondents' Dinner festivities, which served mainly as a promotional vehicle for the ABC show and HBO's "Veep."

The plot of "Scandal" is so luridly over-the-top, it makes the saga of the pizza-bearing intern who inspired it seem almost quaint. You'd think that the book "Monica's Story," the HBO documentary, Barbara Walters' interview and the 1998 Vanity Fair spread would be enough about the most covered affair in history. Heck, the seamy Starr report was enough.

But she must feel that her reticence over the last 10 years of "self-searching and therapy" has led the public to hunger for her thoughts on the eve of Hillary's book rollout in June and at a moment when President Barack Obama is struggling to pull focus back from the Clintons, whose past and future are more domi-

nant than Obama's present. Monica is in danger of exploiting her own exploitation as she dishes about a couple whose erotic lives are of waning interest to the country.

But, clearly, she was stung and wanted to have her say about the revelation in February that Hillary had told her friend Diane Blair, knowing it would be made public eventually, that Bill was at fault for the affair but deserved props for trying to "manage someone who was clearly a narcissistic loony toon." Hillary also said she blamed herself for Bill's dalliance. Monica trenchantly notes about the feminist icon, who is playing the gender card on the trail this time around: "I find her impulse to blame the Woman - not only me, but herself - troubling."

Lewinsky said that Bill "took advantage" of her - in a consensual way. "Any 'abuse' came in the aftermath," she writes, "when I was made a scapegoat in order to protect his powerful position." Disingenuously and pretentiously, Monica said that the tragedy of Tyler Clementi, the Rutgers freshman who committed suicide in 2010 after his roommate secretly streamed his liaison with another man over the Web, had wrought "a Prufrockian moment." Did she dare disturb the Clinton universe to become a spokeswoman against bullying?

Her bullies were crude strangers in person and online who reduced her to a dirty joke or verb. Monica corrects Beyoncé, who sings, "He Monica Lewinsky'd all on my gown," saying it should be "He Bill Clinton'd all on my gown." But her bullies were also the Clintons and their vicious attack dogs who worked so hard to turn "that woman," as Bill so coldly called her, into the scapegoat. As Hillary gave a campaign-style speech in Maryland on Tuesday, warning that economic inequality could lead to "social collapse," That Woman started her own campaign, keening about her own social collapse. It was like a Golden Oldie tour of a band you didn't want to hear in the first place. □

Resell jeans? Resale value goes beyond used cars

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jenna Broems shops for clothes the same way she hunts for a new car: She considers resale value.

Broems, who lives in Stamford, Connecticut, only buys brands like Abercrombie & Fitch and 7 For All Mankind because she believes they will fetch the highest prices when she's ready to move on.

"I'm now walking in like 'What's the return of this? Am I going to be able to resell?'" said the teacher who has gotten \$2,500 from stuff she's resold on ThredUP, an online resale site for used clothes.

Americans increasingly are considering the resale value when they shop for everything from jeans to handbags. The habit is in part due to a growing number of web sites that make it easy for shoppers to buy and resell pre-owned goods.

It's the latest reflection of the tough economy. Buying used goods at consignment shops became popular during the recession when Americans were hurting for extra cash.

The habit has stuck during the economic recovery as people have gotten used to being able to wear the latest fashions without paying top dollar: Just as people lease a new car every couple of years so they're always riding in style, reselling clothes is a way for Americans to trade up or splurge without spending a lot of additional cash.

The trend also is a consequence of the escalating cost of luxury. Rising prices of designer merchandise in recent years have tested the willingness of even affluent shoppers to pay full price. The price tag of a classic Chanel handbag, for example, is now \$4,900 this year, up from \$2,250 in 2007.

The size of the resale market is tiny: about 10 percent of overall luxury goods — including clothing, handbags, accessories and home furnishings, are sold in the aftermarket

— with about one percent of pre-worn goods sold online, estimates Forrester Research's Sucharita Mulpu.

But data suggests it's a fast growing area of retail: Shoppers seem to have resale value in mind. According to a survey conducted last year by market re-

search firm The Intelligence Group's Cassandra Report,

44 percent of 900 shoppers between the ages of 14 and 34 think of resale value when they purchase things like electronics, furniture and clothing. Shannon Dolan said she'll buy a Louis Vuitton handbag over a Gucci one based on how much she believes it will command if she resells it.



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clothing and handbags are: Chanel, Hermes and Louis Vuitton. In shoes, it's Christian Louboutin, Wainwright said.

Some analysts say the new focus on resale value could hurt sales at traditional retailers — particularly at luxury stores. "I think luxury retailers are going to run a little scared," said Marshal Cohen, a market research analyst.

But resale sites say they can help retailers because shoppers are more willing to spend if they know they can easily resale items later. Some even are creating partnerships with traditional stores. □